

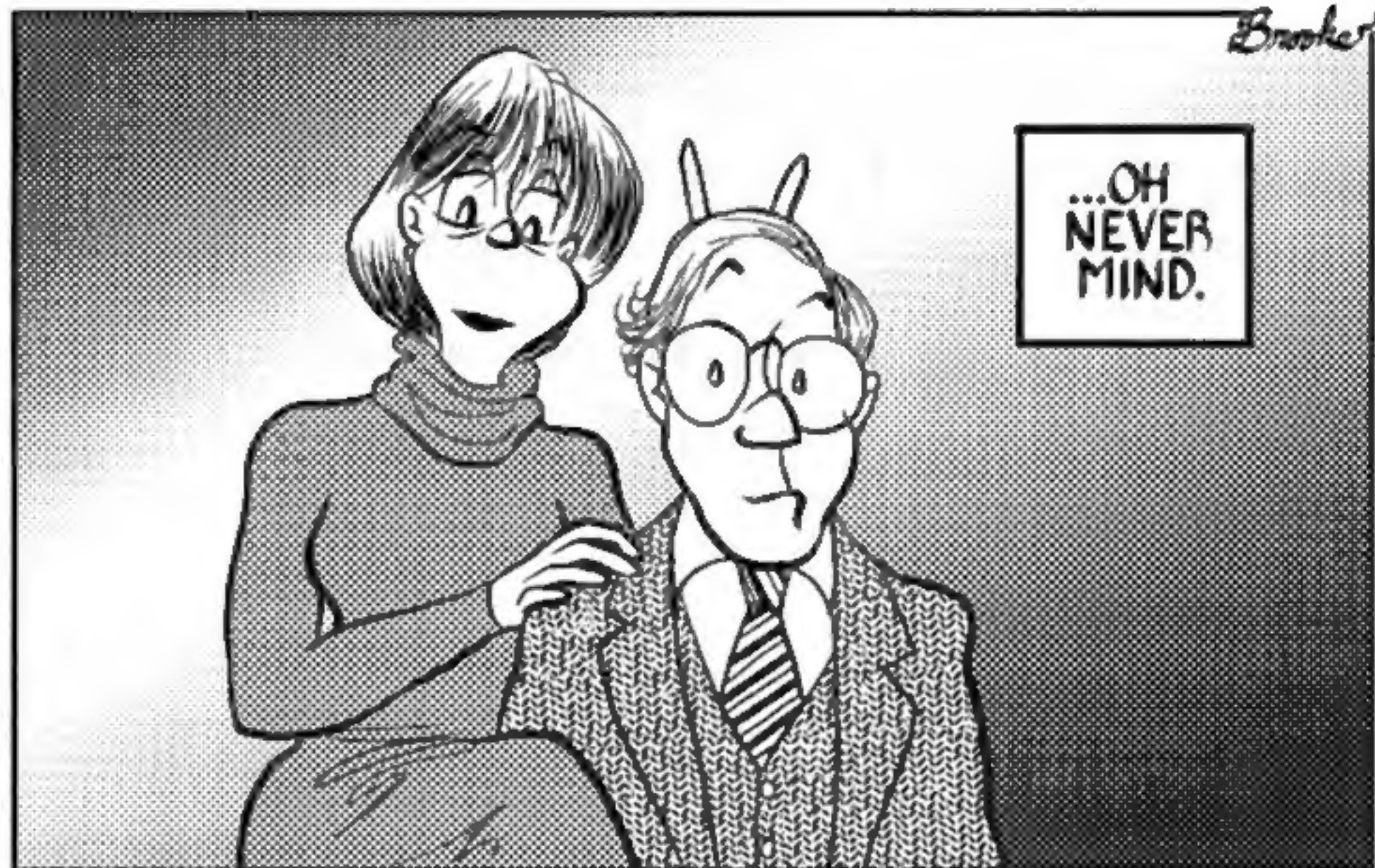


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CRIMES
AGAINST
ADULthood,
NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION:



TO COMMIT
NO MORE
CRIMES
AGAINST...



...OH
NEVER
MIND.

Brooke

I HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH
YOU, ANGUS...I LOVE YOU!
I CAN'T HELP IT! GEEKS
EXCITE ME...



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...AND YOU'RE
MOLTO GEEK!



Brooke



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WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
I'VE BEEN OBJECTIFIED
BEYOND MY WILDEST
DREAMS...



BUT SHE SAYS I'M SWEET.
...NO GIRL HAS EVER SAID
I'M SWEET BEFORE.



THAT LITTLE TROLLOP
DOESN'T EVEN KNOW YOUR
NAME! YOU'RE AMOS, NOT
ANGUS...AND YOU'RE NOT
HERS, YOU'RE
MINE!



OH,
LORD,
I'VE
LOST MY
MIND.

WOW!...TWO
OBJECTIFICATIONS
IN ONE DAY...
THREE MORE AND I
QUALIFY AS A HUNK.



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TODAY THAT LITTLE,
BESPECTACLED SLATTERN
AT SCHOOL KISSED
AMOS...



...AND BEFORE I KNEW IT
I WAS SCREAMING AT HIM,
TELLING HIM HE
WAS MINE...MY
PROPERTY!



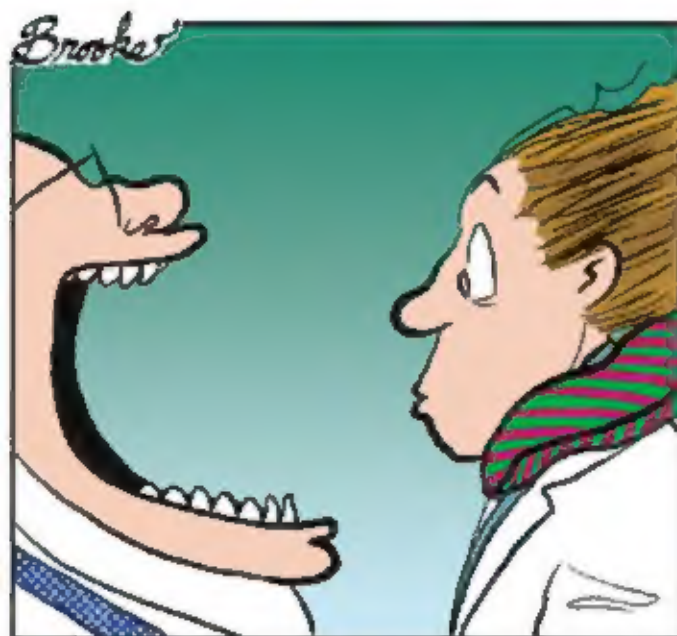
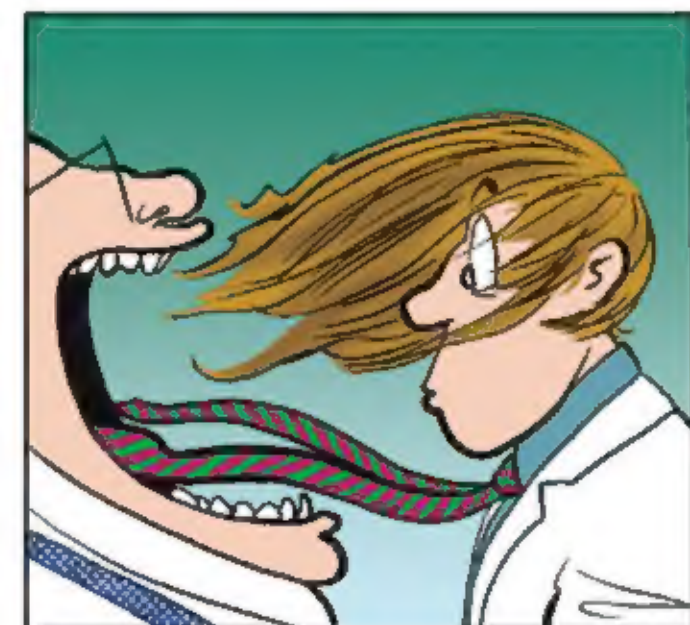
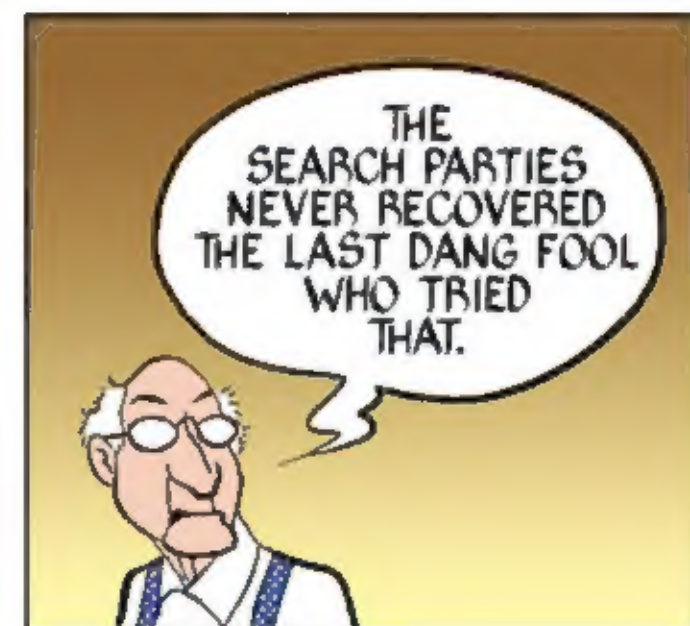
Amos.



BEFORE WE DISCUSS THIS
ANY FURTHER, COULD YOU
TAKE A NICE, DEEP BREATH
AND RETRACT YOUR
FINGERNAILS?



9 CHICKWEED LANE





WHY SHOULDN'T WE TAKE
EACH OTHER FOR GRANTED?
...SHOULD I THINK I'LL LOSE
YOUR REGARD THE MOMENT
SOMEONE BETTER COMES
ALONG?...



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...SOMEONE WITHOUT \$2.50
IN QUARTERS UP HIS NOSE
AND "THE BIG BOOK OF
DUTCH HUMOR"
INEXTRICABLY
TANGLED IN
HIS HAIR?



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IT'S AT THIS POINT THAT
A RINGING DENIAL WOULD
BE PERFECT.

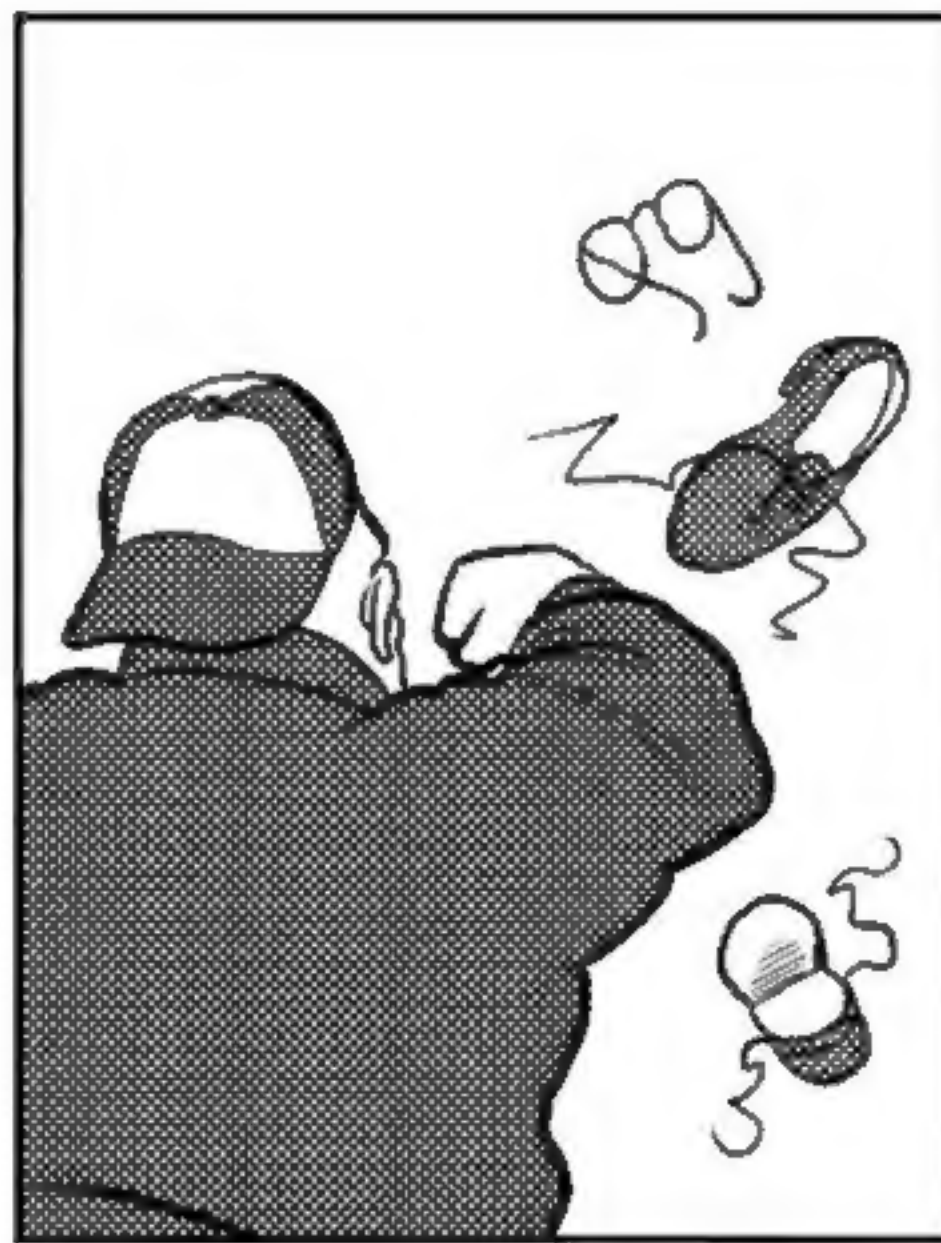




THE SCHOOL GOON'S DESIRE
TO PUMMEL YOU GROWS
FROM HIS UNVERBALIZED
RECOGNITION OF YOUR
SUPERIORITY TO HIM IN
ALL WAYS THAT MATTER.



SO, IN A
WAY, HE'S PAYING
YOU A COMPLIMENT.



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THANK
YOU.

NOW
THAT
WAS
UNCALLED
FOR!



SCOURGE ME! HEAP ASHES
AND SCORPIONS
ON MY BODY!
DEATH IS
TOO GOOD
FOR ME!



Brooke

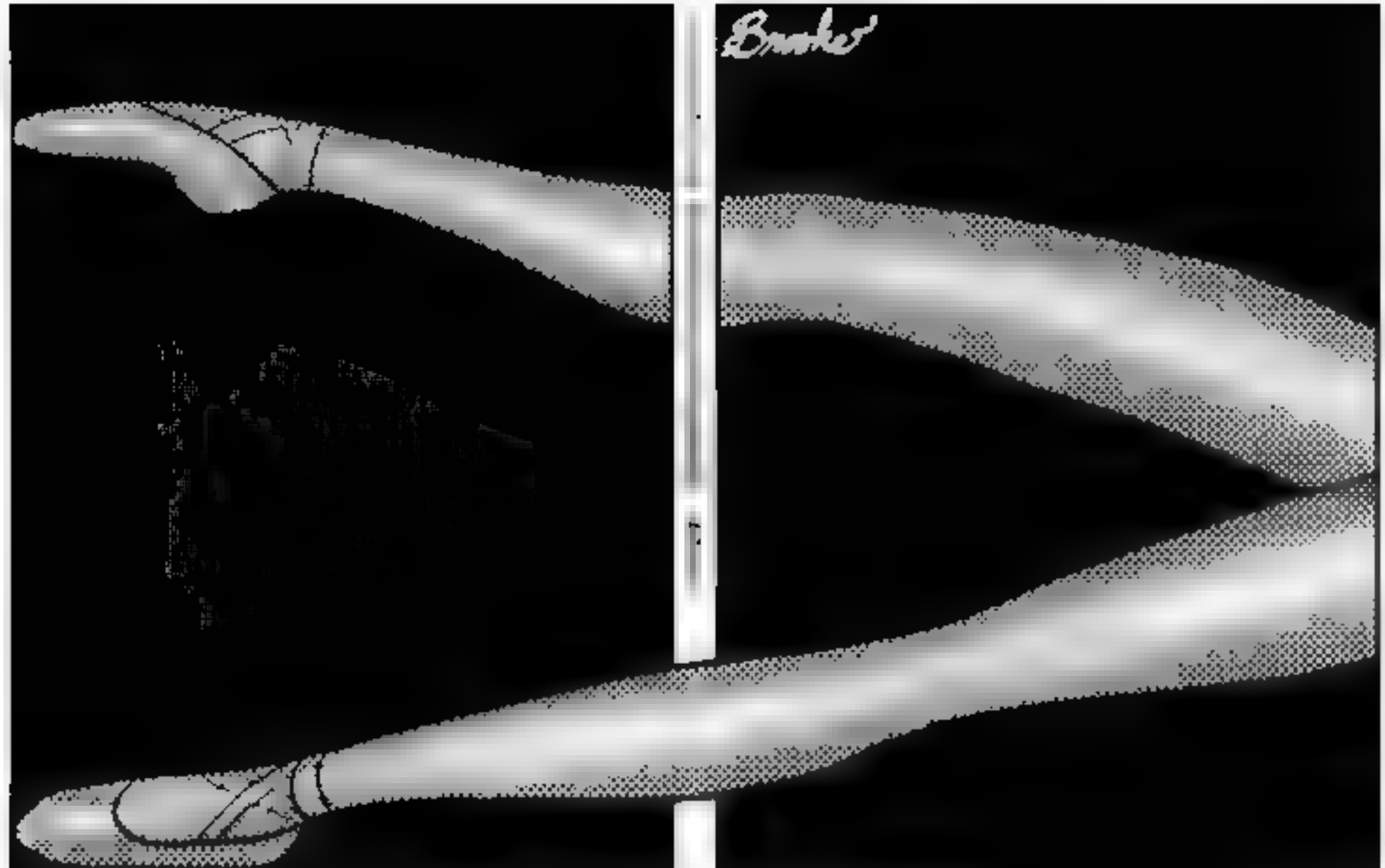
I KEEP TELLING HIM
IT DOESN'T HAVE
TO BE THIS WAY
EVERY TIME HE
MISPLACES A
PREPOSITION.



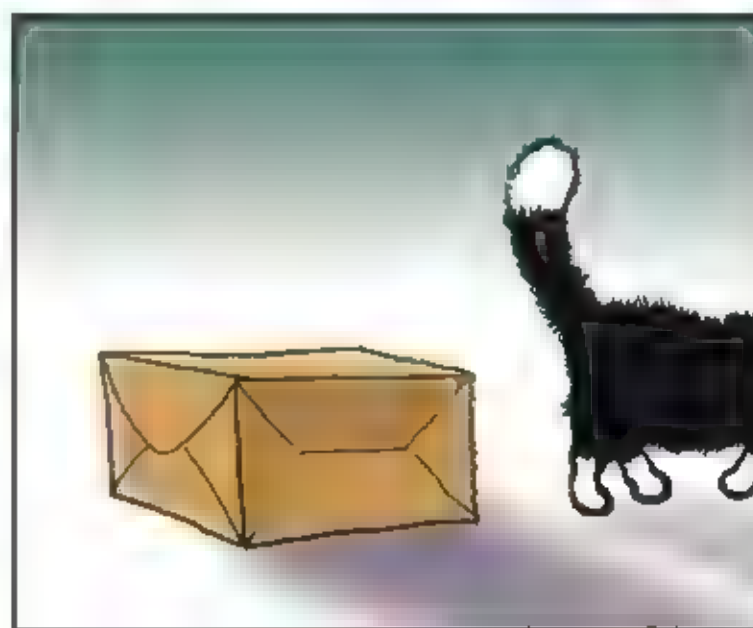
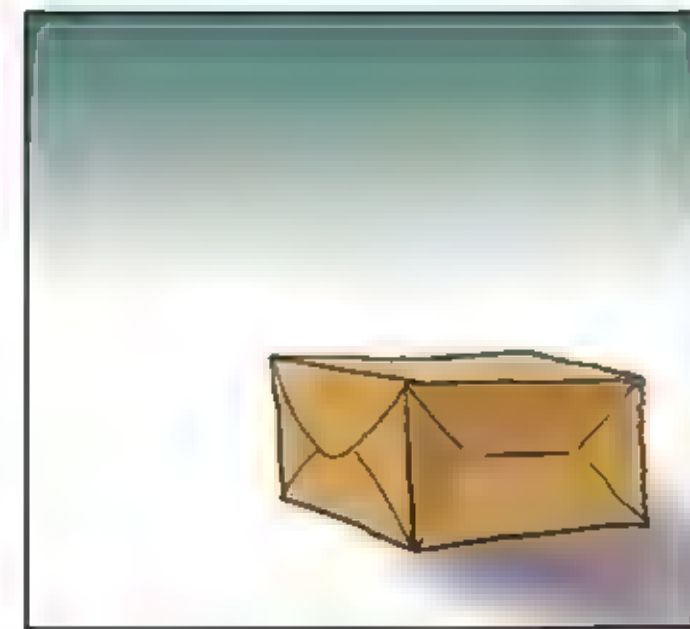
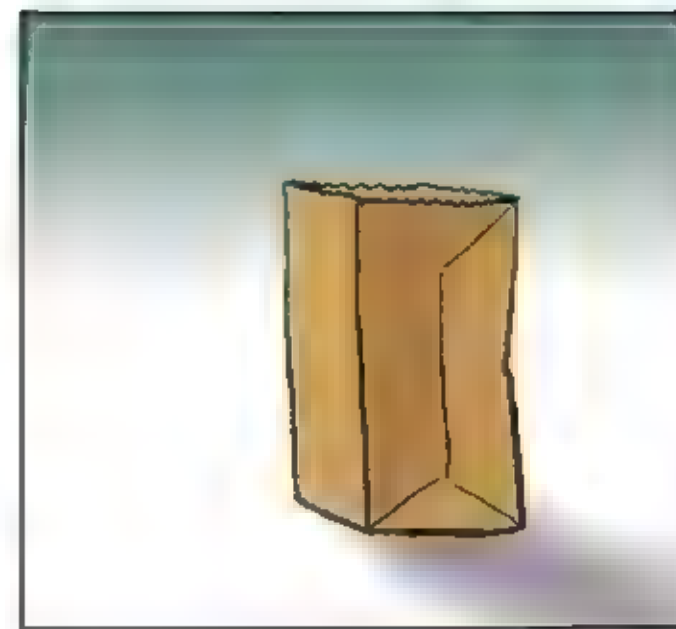
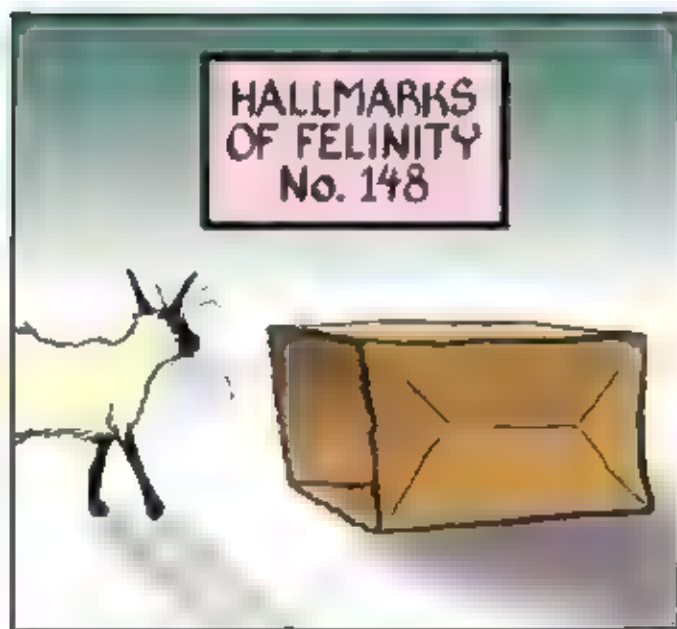
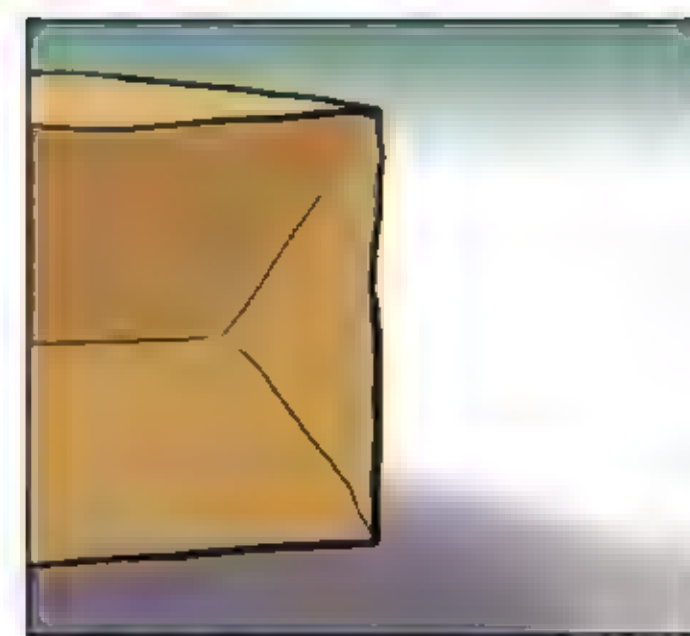
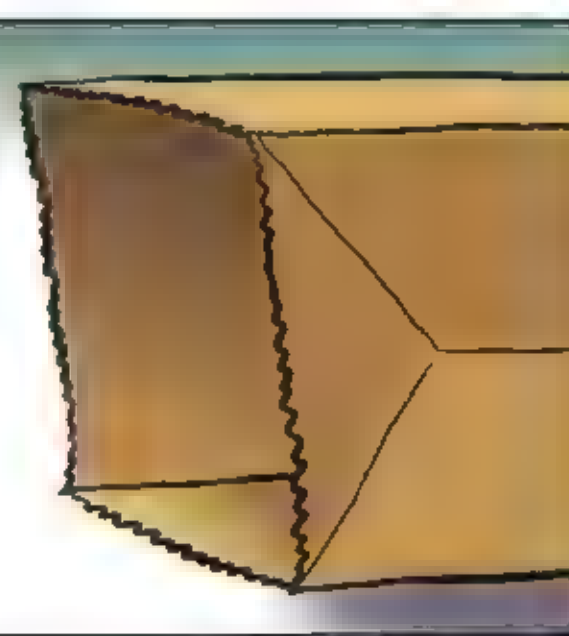
GRANTED...
BUT I LIKE HIS
STYLE.



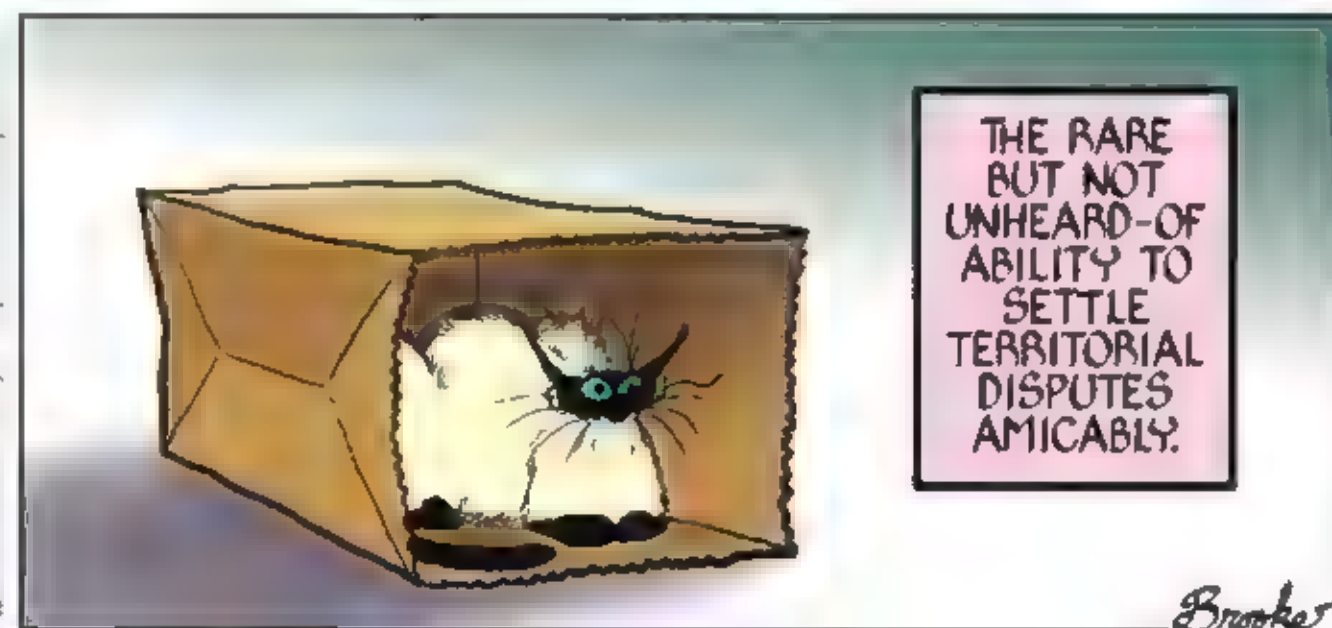
Broken



THE NATURAL
INCOMPATIBILITY
BETWEEN CATS
AND MODERN
DANCE



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THE MOST SERENDIPITOUS THING HAPPENED,
BUTTERNUT...I WAS LOOKING FOR A
PAPER CLIP IN MY DESK WHEN I
HAPPENED UPON MY LITTLE
ORPHAN ANNIE
SECRET DECODER
RING AND AN
AUTOGRAPH OF
TOM MIX...THEY
WERE WEDGED
BEHIND THE FILES
I KEEP OF THE
DESTINIES OF
EVERY LIVING
HUMAN BEING
ON EARTH.



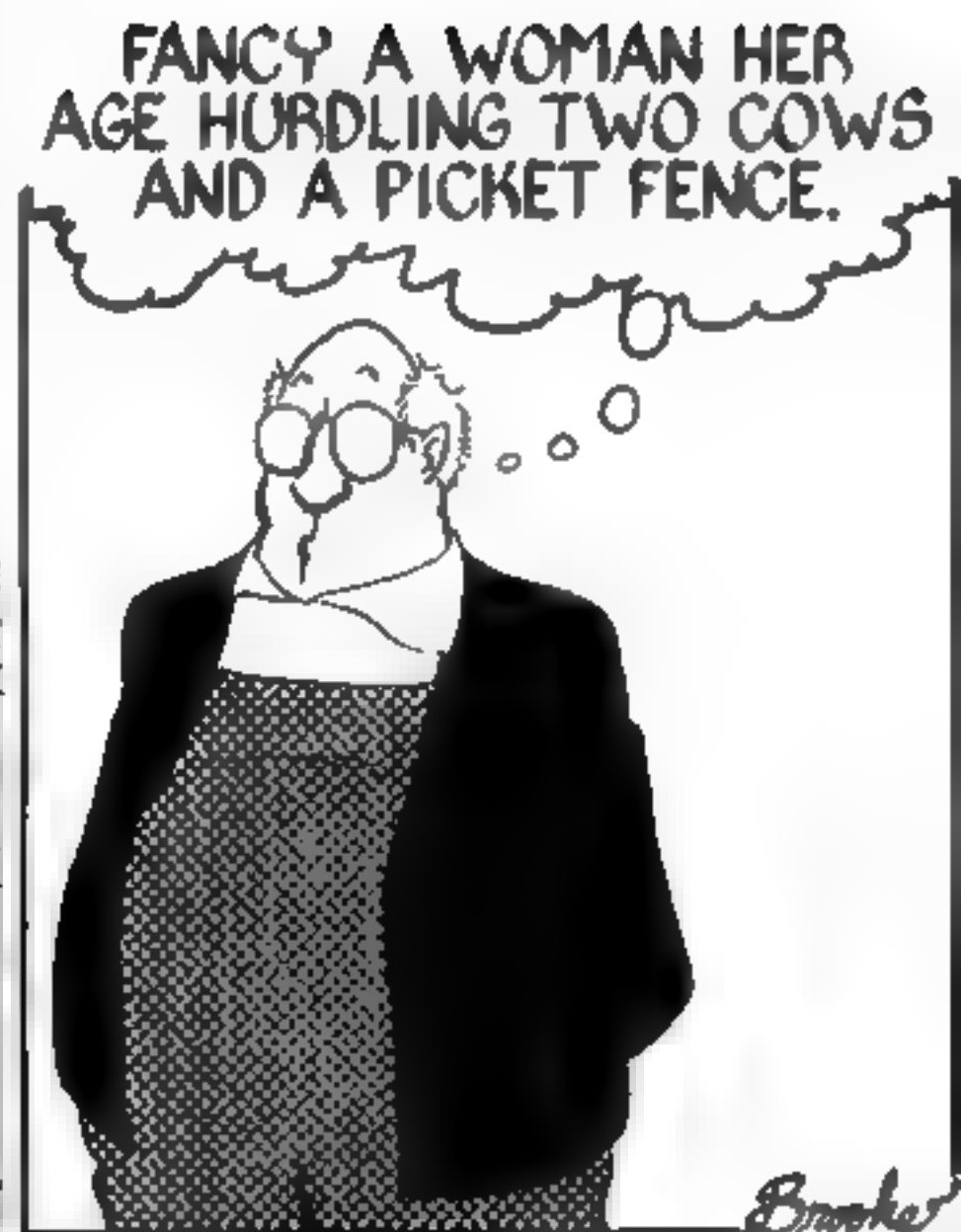
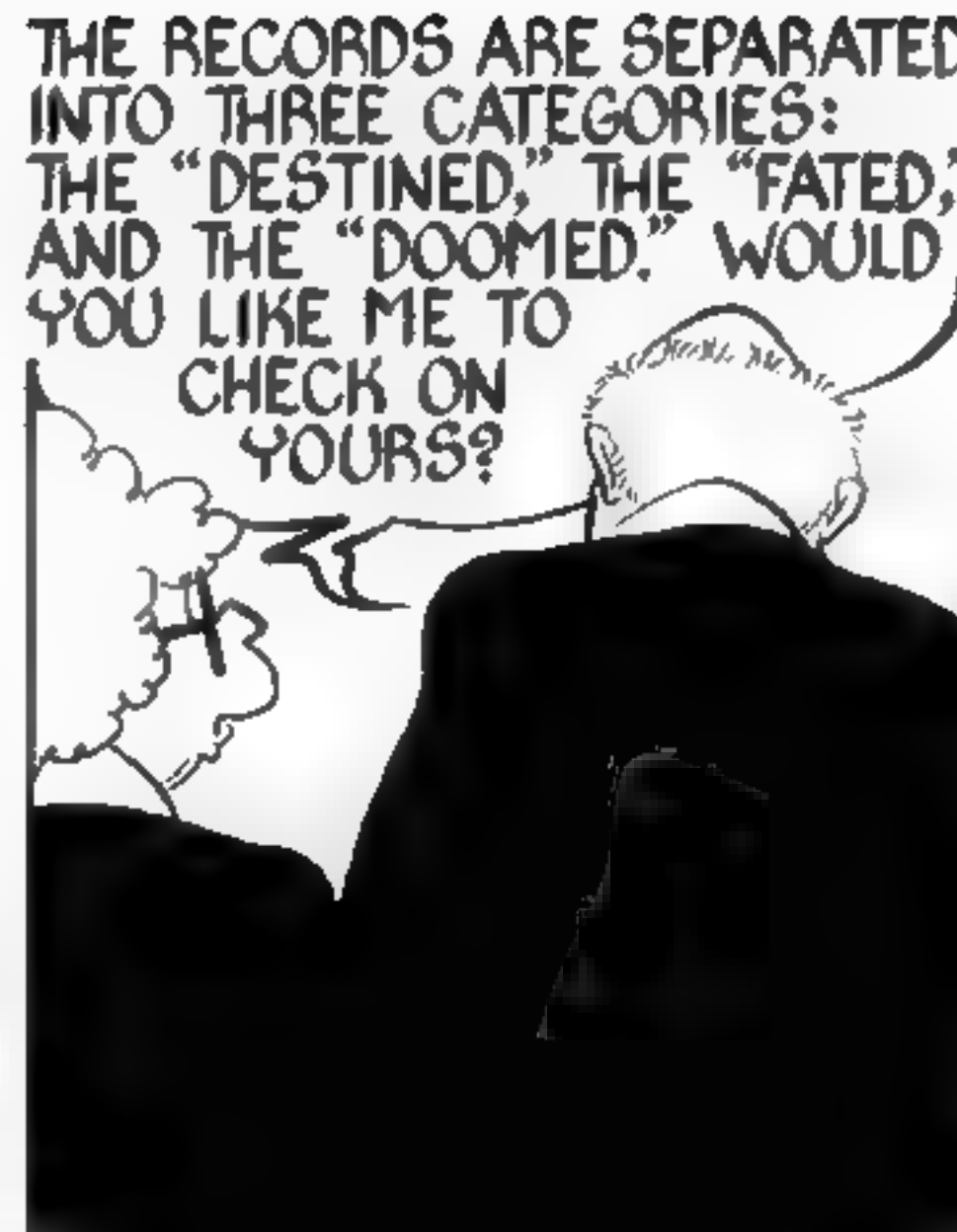
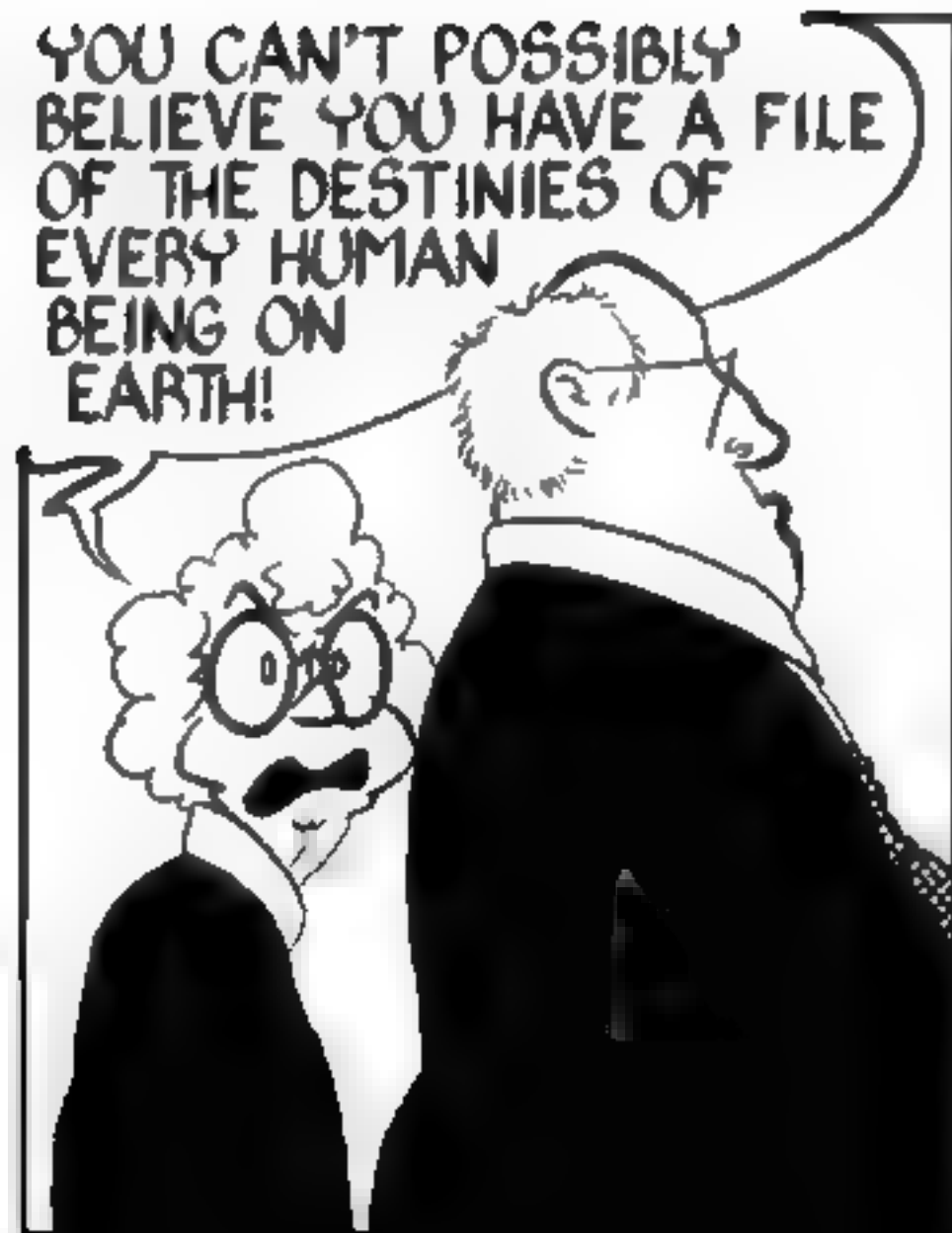
THE WHAT
OF WHOM
ON WHERE?!



THERE'S JUST NO CASUAL WAY
TO MENTION THOSE FILES WITHOUT
GETTING TREATED LIKE A LAND MINE.



Brooker

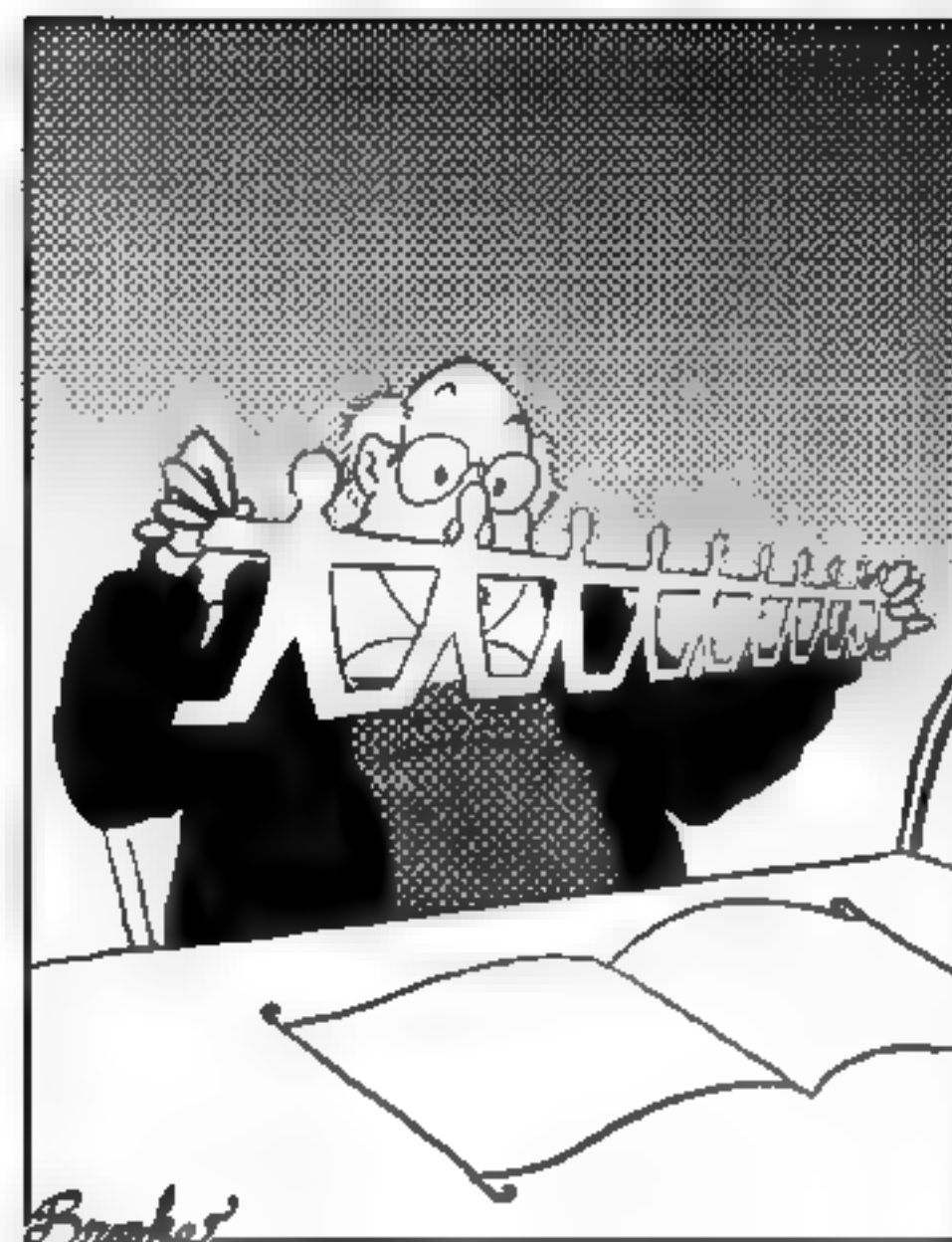
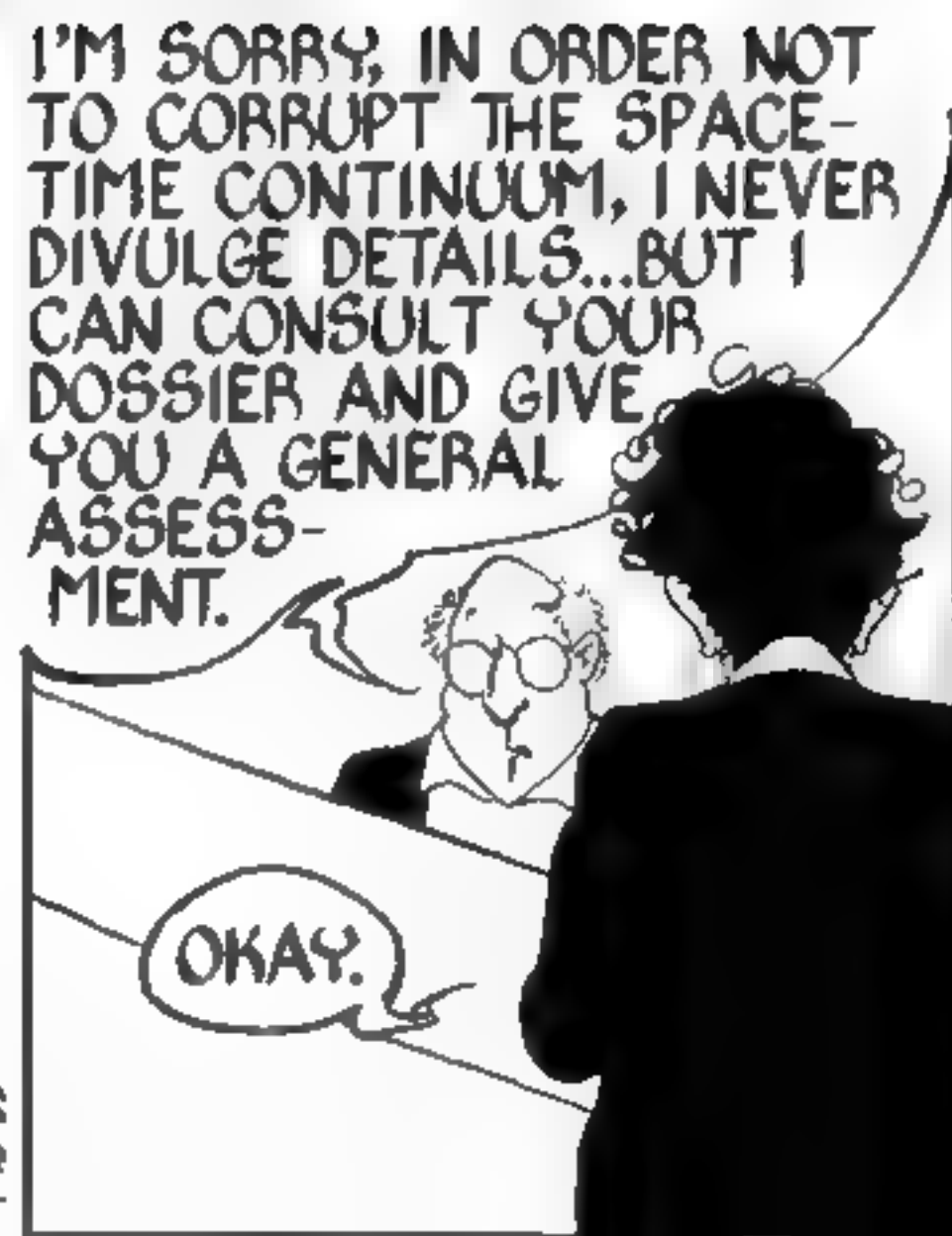


THORAX HAS THE DESTINIES
OF EVERYONE ON
EARTH IN HIS
DESK...OR, TO BE
PRECISE, THE DES-
TINIES, FATES AND
DOOMS, AS
APPROPRIATE.



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I WAS WONDERING WHAT
YOUR RECORDS SAY
ABOUT MY DESTINY?

LET'S
SEE...

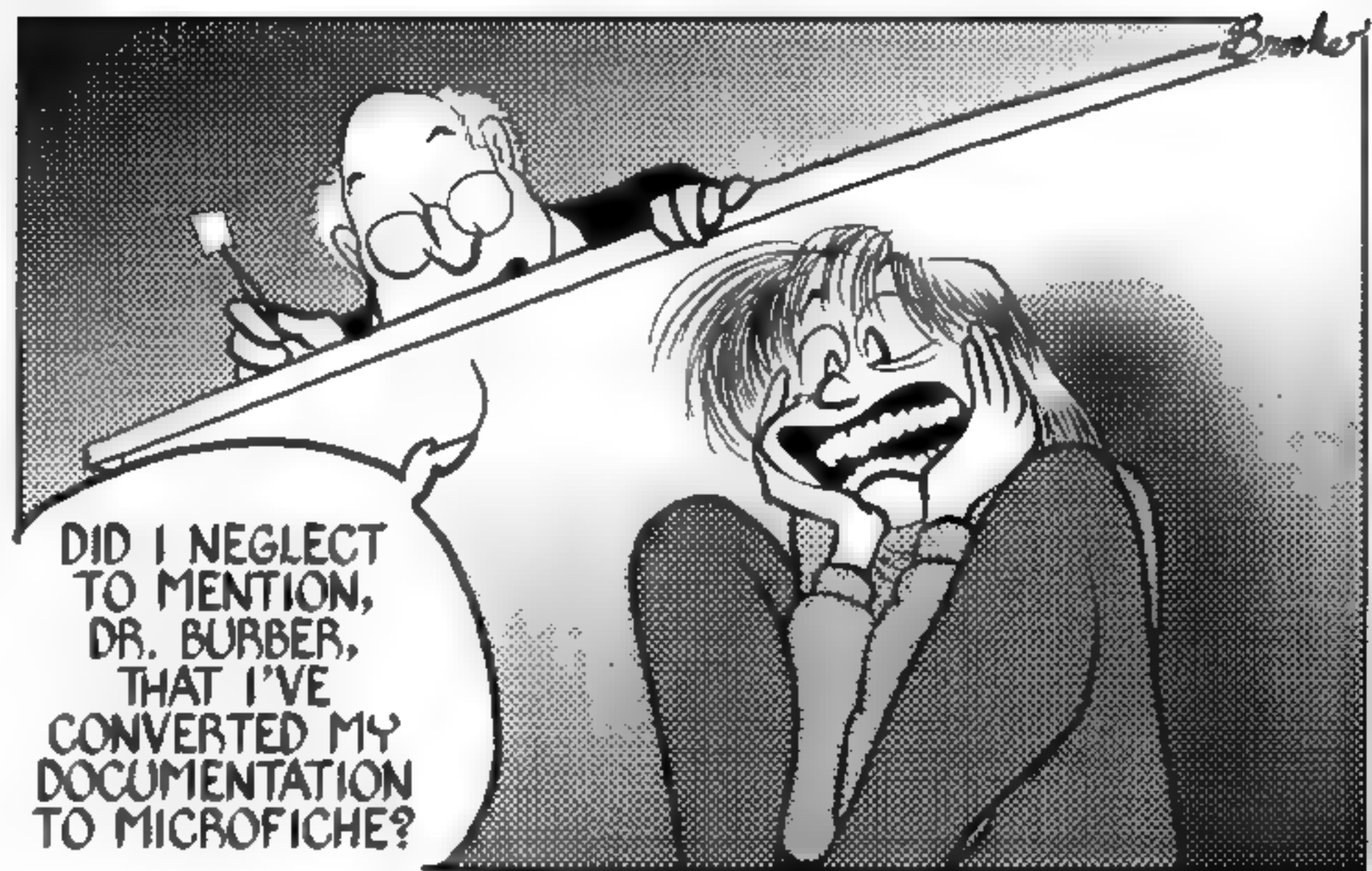
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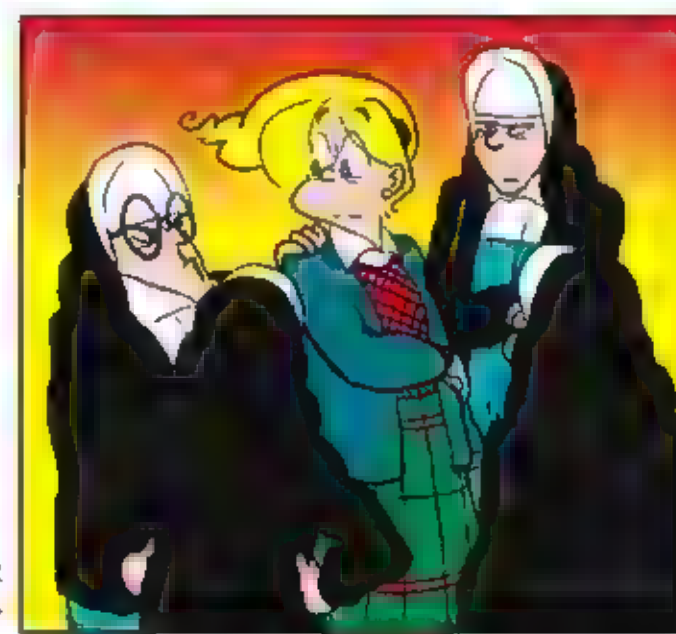
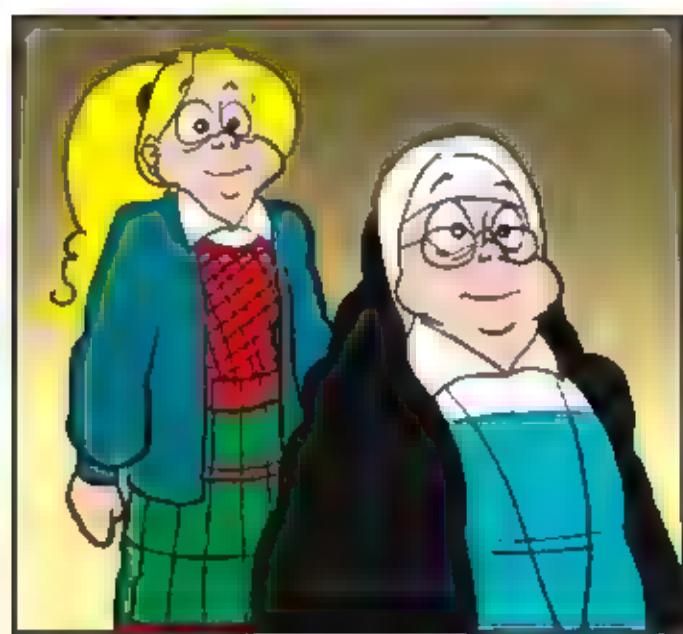
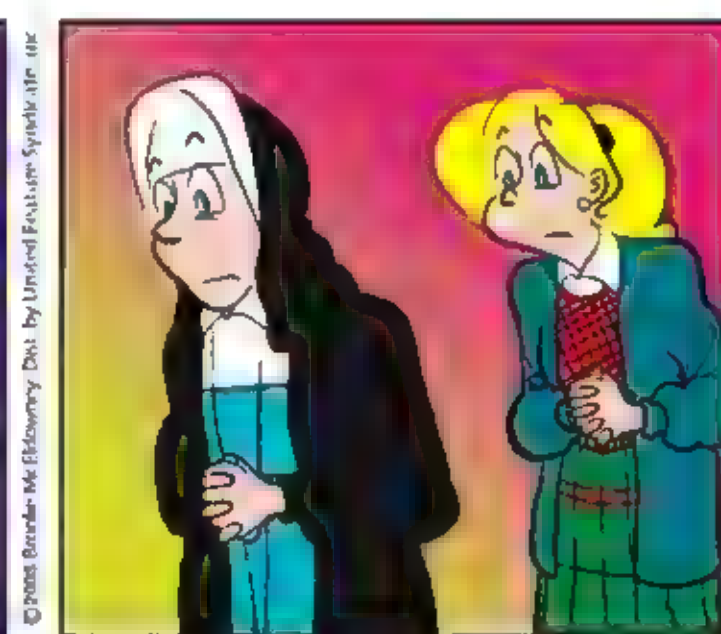
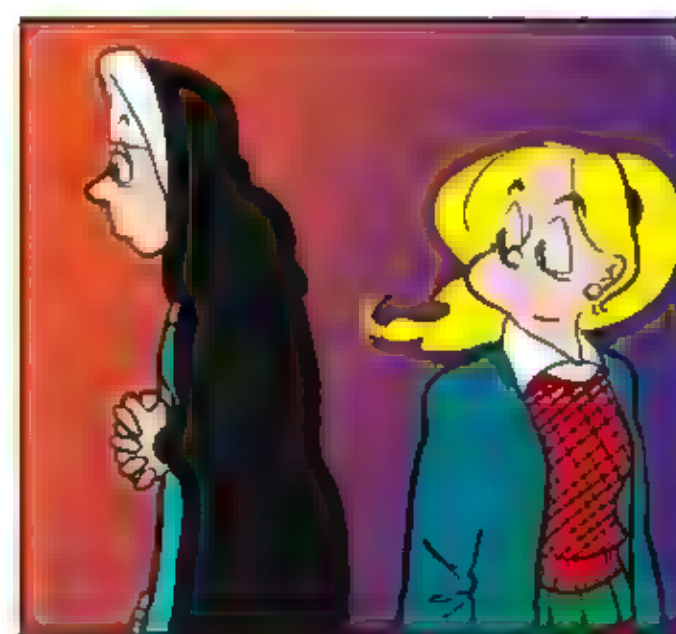
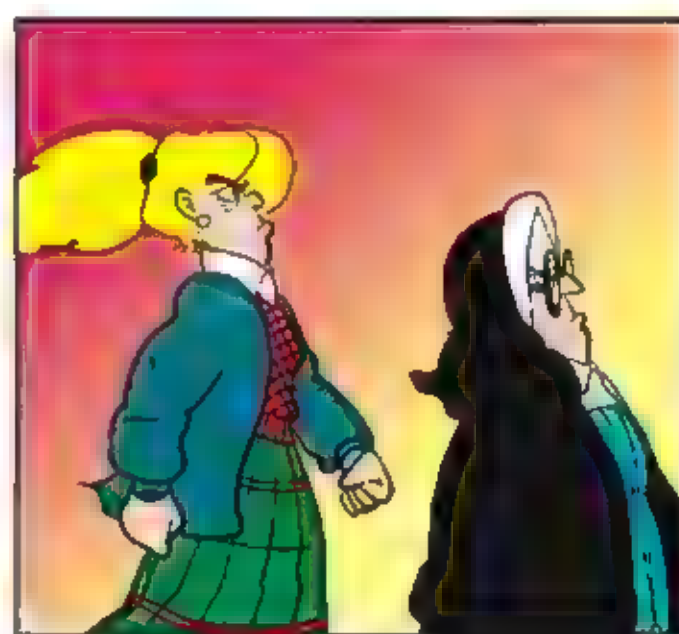
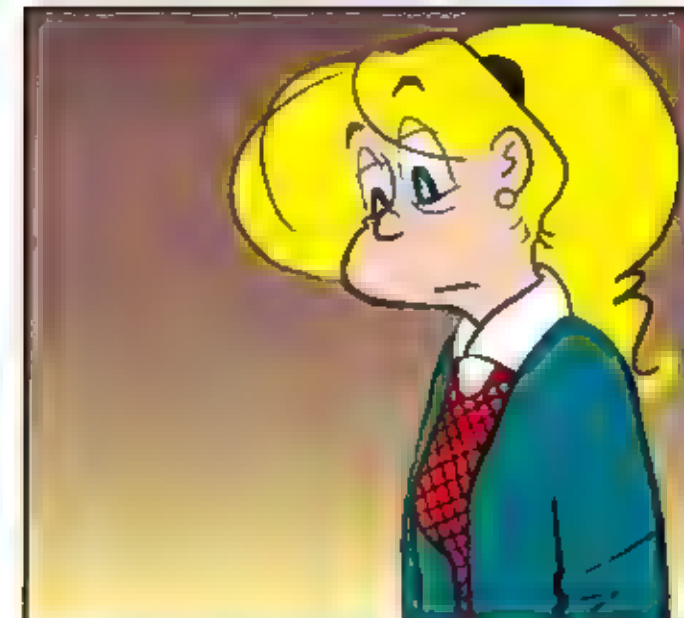


FIRST OF ALL,
YOU'RE VERY
FOCUSED...





9 CHICKWEED LANE



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SISTER ARAMUS ASSIGNED
US THE TASK OF INVENTING
A GRAMMAR GAME
FOR CLASSROOM
PARTICIPATION.
I'M JUST REVISING
MY RULES.



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THAT'S AN INGENIOUS
WAY TO KEEP A SCHOOL
SUBJECT INTERESTING
AND FUN.



YOU'RE
NOT
KIDDING.



Brooke

SISTER, IF IT'S ALL THE SAME
TO YOU, COULD WE STOP PLAYING
"STRIP SPLIT INFINITIVE"
AND GO BACK TO
PARSING
SENTENCES?



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SCRUTINY





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WHY DO YOUNG
PEOPLE SPEND
SO MUCH TIME
KISSING?

I DON'T
KNOW.

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Brooke



IT'S
ALL
COMING
BACK
TO ME
NOW.

ONE OF THE PERKS
OF MIDDLE AGE
IS YOU HAVE
TO BE
REMINDED.



WHEN YOU WERE A
LITTLE GIRL YOU USED TO
REACH OUT AND GRAB MY
NOSE AND SAY "SQUINK!"

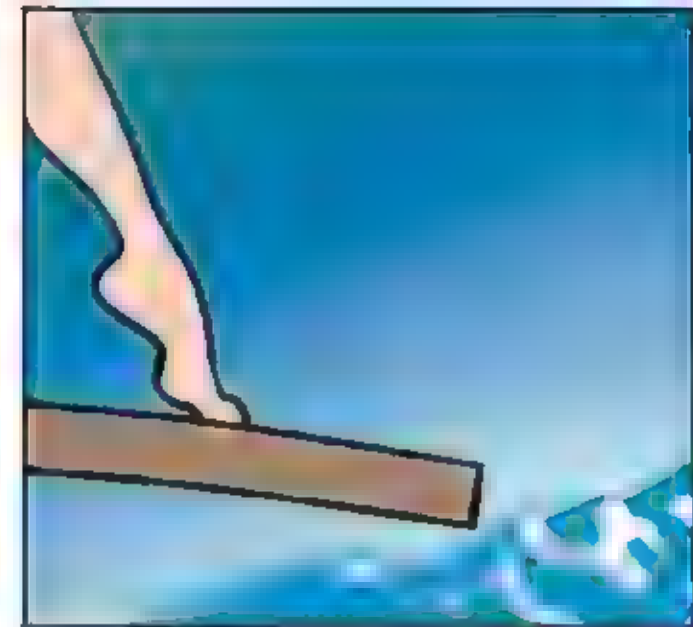
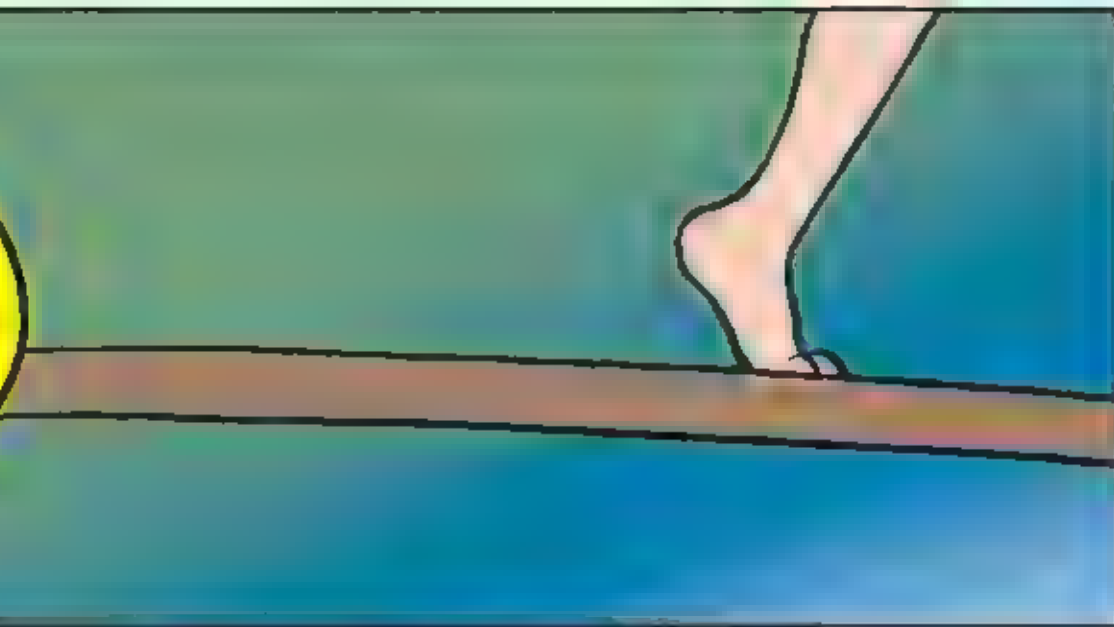


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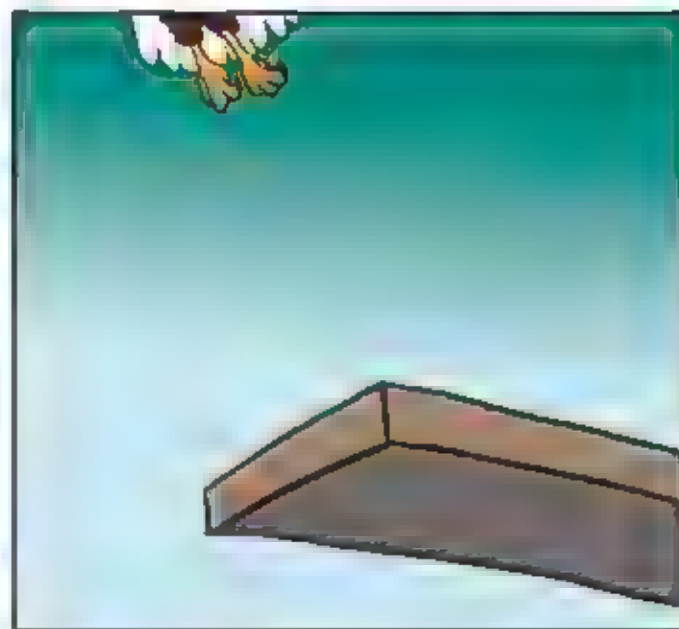


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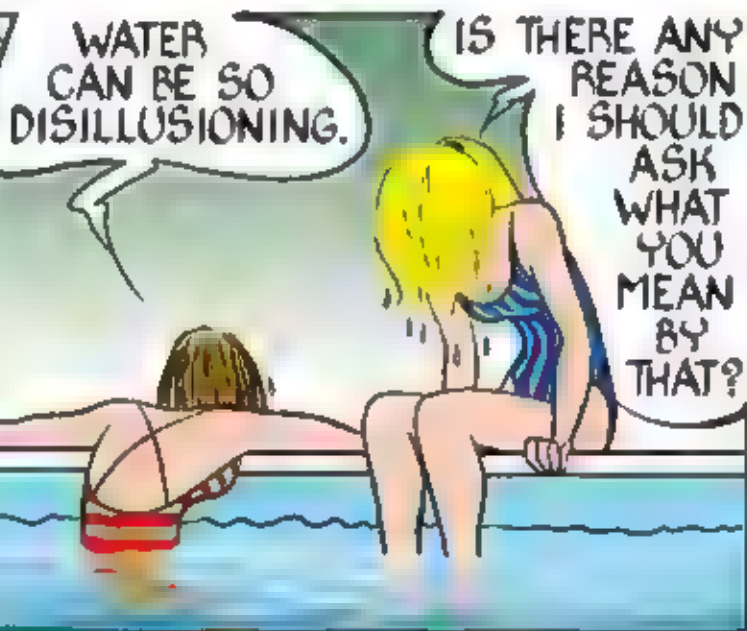
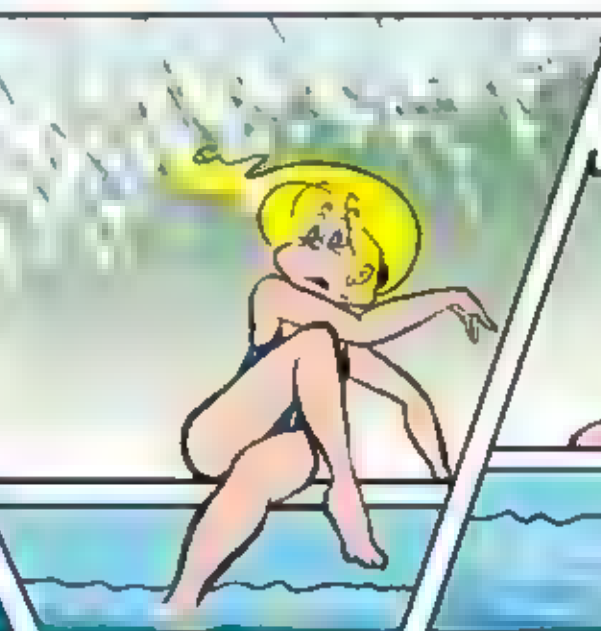
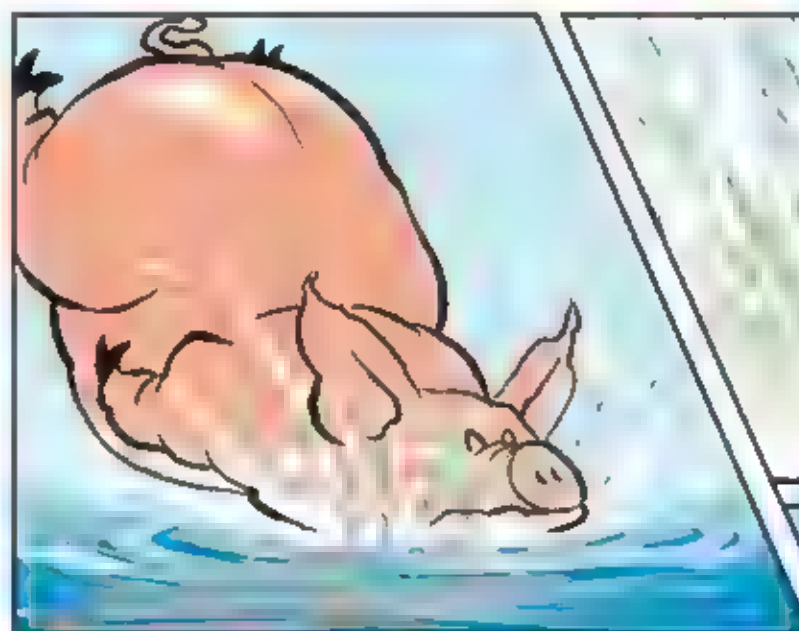
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WATER
CAN BE SO
DISILLUSIONING.

IS THERE ANY
REASON
I SHOULD
ASK
WHAT
YOU
MEAN
BY
THAT?

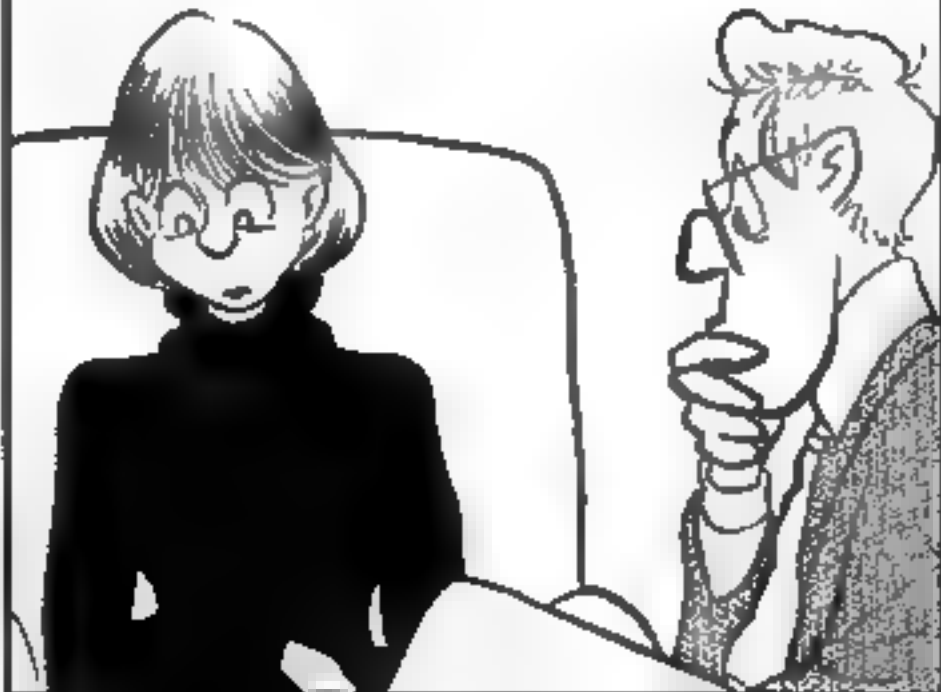


I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT I
THINK I'VE RUN OUT OF
GOOD EXCUSES TO FALL
INTO YOUR ARMS AND
SUBMIT MY PARTED,
INCARNADINED LIPS TO
YOUR BURNING KISSES.



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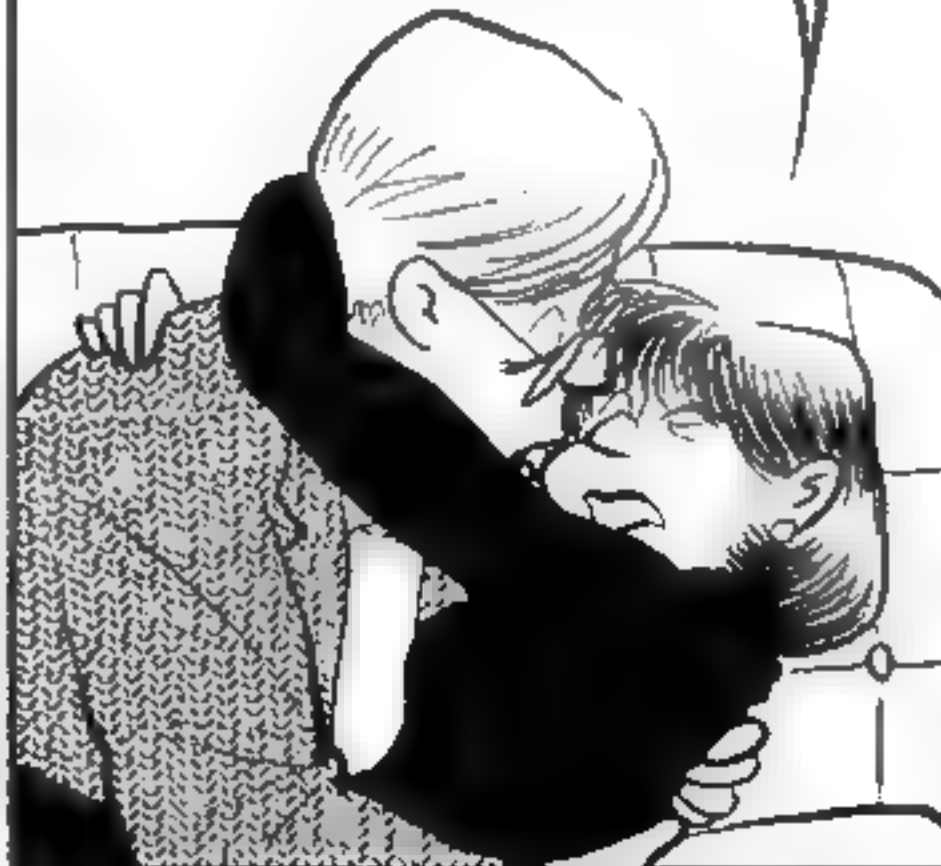
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I PART
MY HAIR
ON THE
LEFT.



THANK GOD!
A MEDIOCRE
EXCUSE!



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WHY DO WE MAKE UP
SO MANY EXCUSES
JUST TO KISS?

WE'RE MIDDLE-AGED...
WE DON'T HAVE THE
IMPETUOSITY OF
YOUTH TO
FALL BACK
ON.

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SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCUSE
TO ME.

Brooke

WHY DO YOU AND ELLIOTT
MAKE SUCH A GAME OF
FINDING EXCUSES
TO KISS?



WE NO LONGER ENJOY THE
PURE, UNFETTERED IMPULSE
OF YOUTH...WHEN YOU HAVE
YOUR YOUTH, YOU DON'T
NEED A REASON.



HI, EDDA...MRS. DR. BURBER.
ARE YOU AWARE THAT AT
TEMPERATURES BELOW 25
DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, NOSE
HAIR CRUNCHES?



DON'T DELUDE YOURSELF..
SOMETIMES I NEED A
REASON...A REALLY
HEAVY-DUTY REASON.



IT HAS COME TO MY
ATTENTION, FROM NO LESS
AN AUTHORITY THAN MRS.
DR. BURBER, THAT THE ONLY
REASON TWO PEOPLE SUCH
AS OURSELVES NEED TO
KISS IS OUR YOUTH.



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YOUTH, AND A GOOD
NAUSEA SUPPRESSANT.



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FINALLY, ALL
THE PIECES FIT
INTO PLACE!



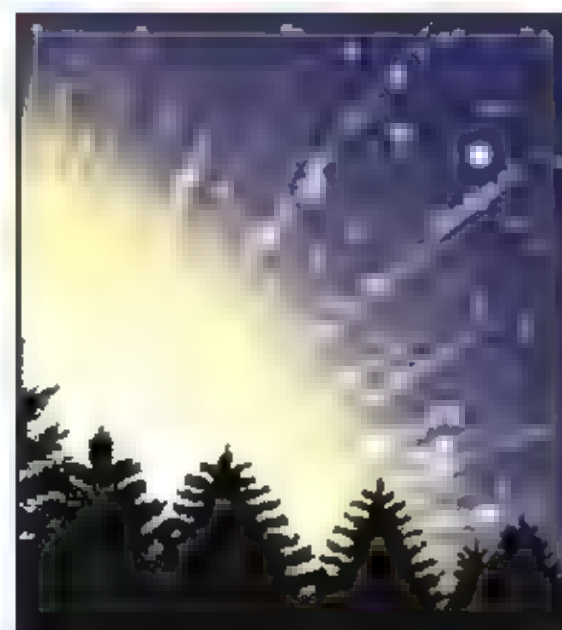
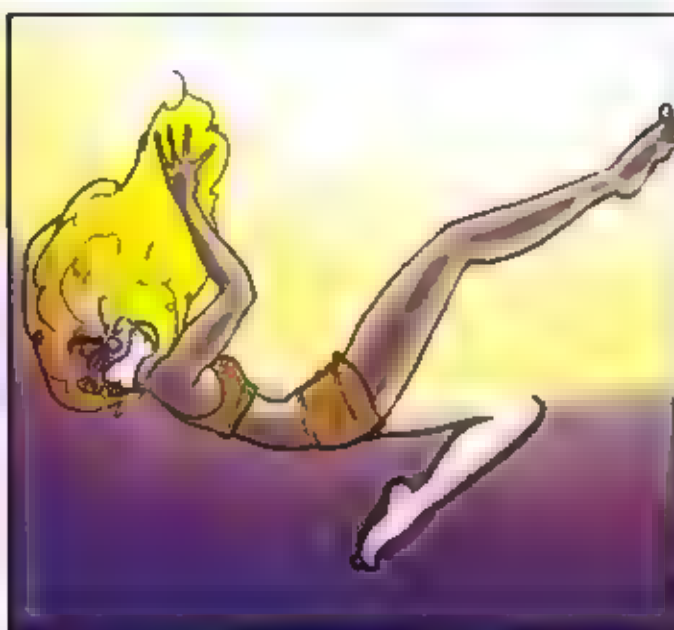
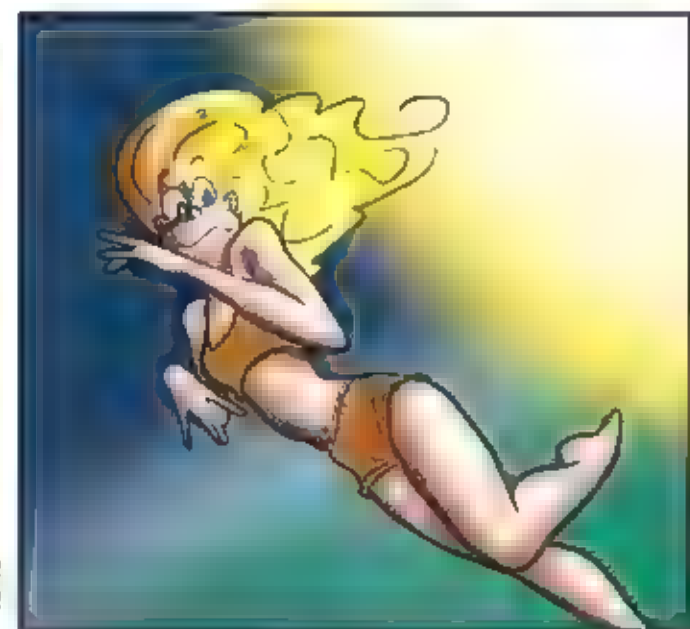
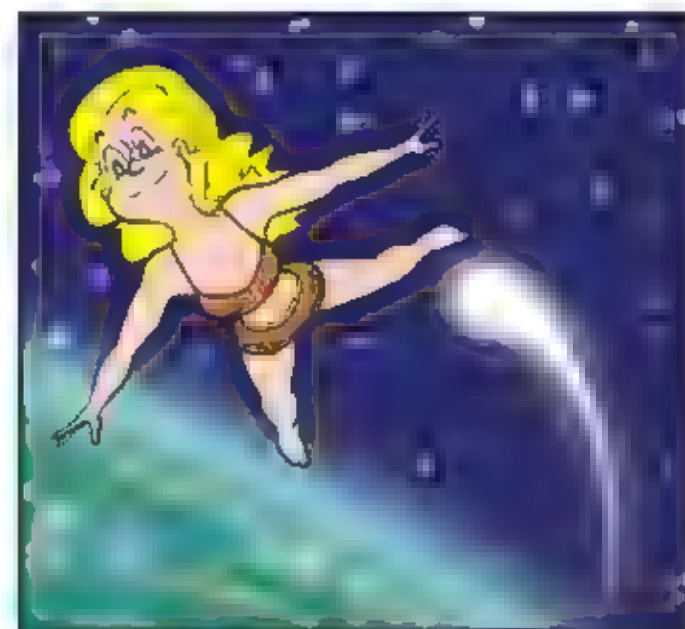
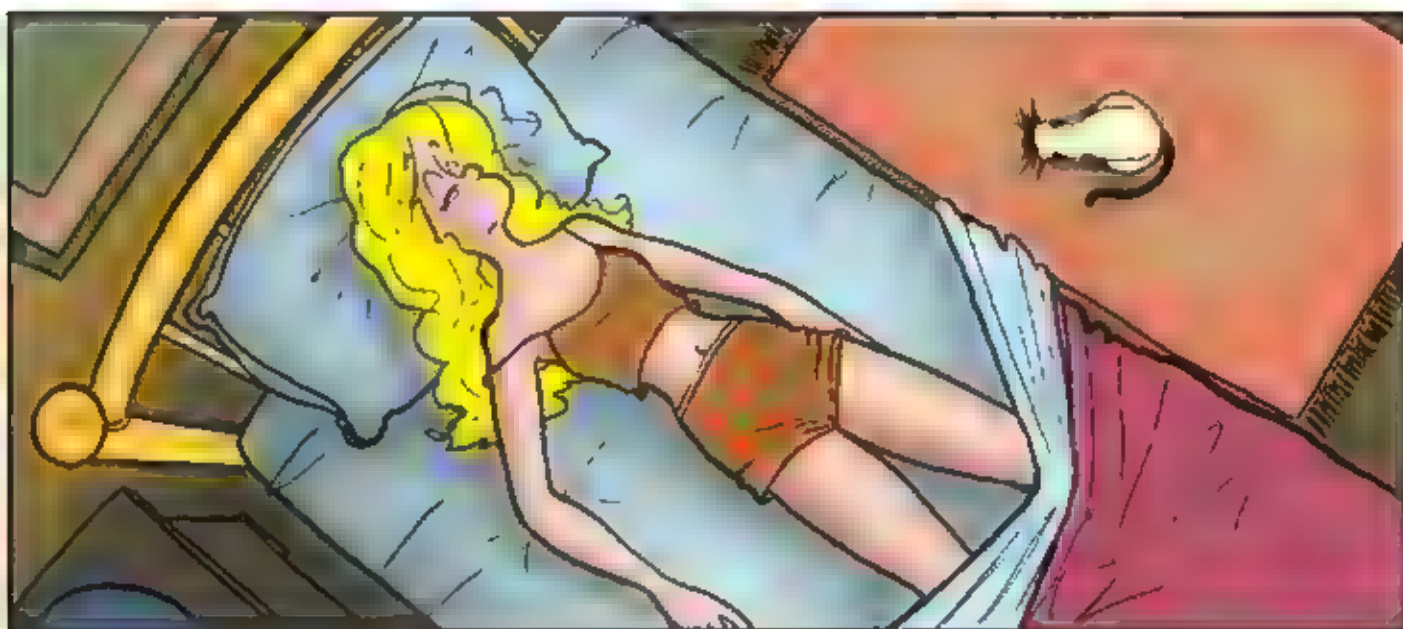
MARY HAS MADE IT CLEAR,
SHE NEVER EXPERIENCES
THE DESIRE TO CAST
ASIDE REASON
AND KISS ME.
IMPETUOUS
YOUTH
ALONE
PROVIDES
NO
INDUCE-
MENT
FOR
HER.

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ALL SHE HAS TO DO IS ASK
ME TO ZIP HER DRESS, AND
I BECOME A RAVENING
BEAST...



WELL, TWO CAN PLAY AT
THAT GAME...



TIE MY
TIE?

Brooke



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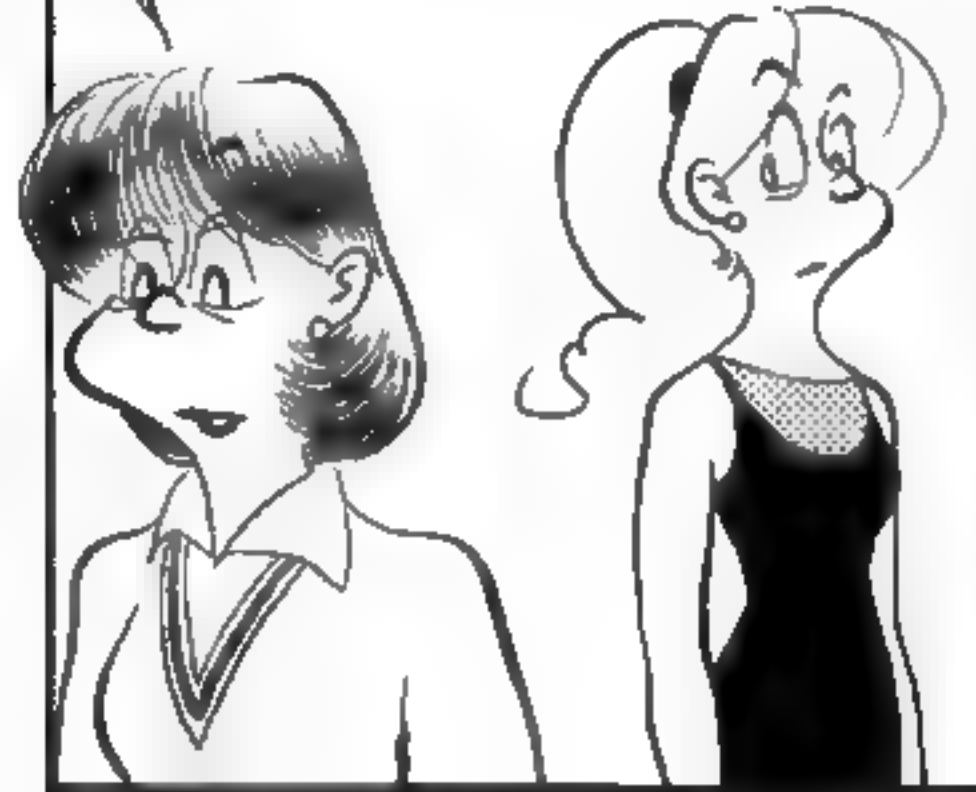
THAT LITTLE
PAT ON THE HEAD
WAS HARDLY
NECESSARY.

YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW, WHENEVER YOU
ASK ME TO ZIP UP THE BACK
OF YOUR DRESS,
I BECOME
A RAVENING
BEAST, HARDLY
RESPONSIBLE
FOR MY
ACTIONS.

WELL,
AREN'T
YOU
SWEET?

RAVENING BEASTS,
I MIGHT ADD, HATE
BEING CALLED
"SWEET."

ELLIOTT TOLD ME LAST EVENING THAT WHEN I ASK HIM TO ZIP MY DRESS, IT TURNS HIM INTO A RAVENING BEAST.



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IT'S TIME FOR A TEST...

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AMOS, WOULD YOU ZIP MY DRESS AND TELL ME HOW IT MAKES YOU FEEL?



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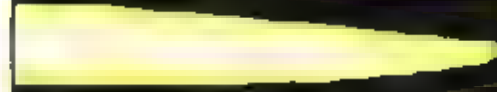
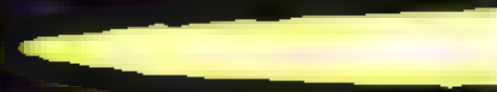


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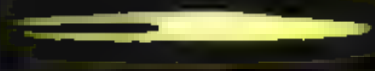


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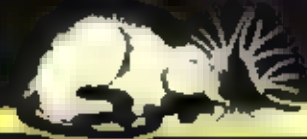




IMPROPER
USE OF A
SUNNY SPOT



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PROPER USE
OF A
SUNNY SPOT

AMOS, DO YOU EVER
FANTASIZE ABOUT ME?

UM...NO. I MEAN...CAN'T
SAY THAT I DO. NOT IN
THE LEAST. NEVER.

NADA. UNH-UNH.
ABSOLUTELY NEGATORY.
BY NO MEANS. CERTAINLY
NOT. NO MA'AM. NOT
FOR THE WORLD. NOT ON
YOUR LIFE, FOR LOVE NOR
MONEY NOR A LONG CHALK.

NOT IN A GAZILLION
YEARS. PUT A MARK IN
THE "NO" COLUMN. NEIN!
NON! NYET! BANISH THE
VERY THOUGHT. ARE YOU
KIDDING?! ZERO! ZIP!
GOOSE EGG! FAT CHANCE!
NOTHING DOING!
TOUT AU
CONTRAIRE!
QUITE THE
OPPOSITE!
GOD FORBID!
I'D SOONER...

AMOS, WHEN I ASKED IF
YOU EVER FANTASIZE
ABOUT ME, YOU DIDN'T
HAVE TO PROTEST YOUR
INNOCENCE SO MUCH.
JUST SAY NO AND I'LL
BELIEVE
YOU.

THEN
MY ANSWER
IS NO.

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EDDA, YOU'VE GOT TO
BELIEVE ME. I SWEAR
TO YOU ON MY
SACRED HONOR,
I HAVE NEVER
EVER EVER
FANTASIZED
ABOUT YOU!

OKAY.



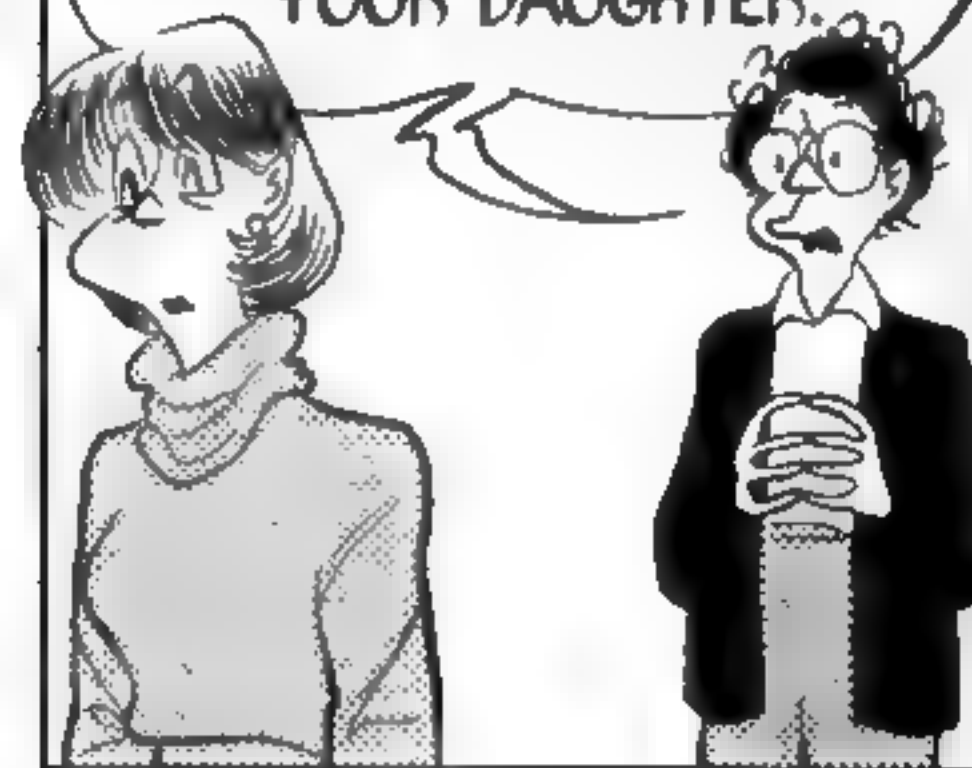
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...until
now.

MRS. DR. BURBER, I FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS AFTERNOON, IN AN UNCHARACTERISTIC LAPSE, I EXPERIENCED MY FIRST FANTASY FEATURING YOUR DAUGHTER.



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EDDA WAS THE PRIME MINISTER OF MARS, IN AN ACTION-PACKED SEQUENCE INVOLVING RUNNING RAY GUN FIRE, AND MANY A HARSH OATH.



DIDN'T YOU TELL HER ABOUT MY REALLY TIGHT, SEXY UNIFORM WITH TRADEMARK STUCK-ZIPPER DECOLLETAGE?



I DON'T BELIEVE IN FULL FANTASY DISCLOSURE WHEN IT MIGHT RESULT IN BLOODSHED. HONEST, YET WISELY CIRCUMSPECT.



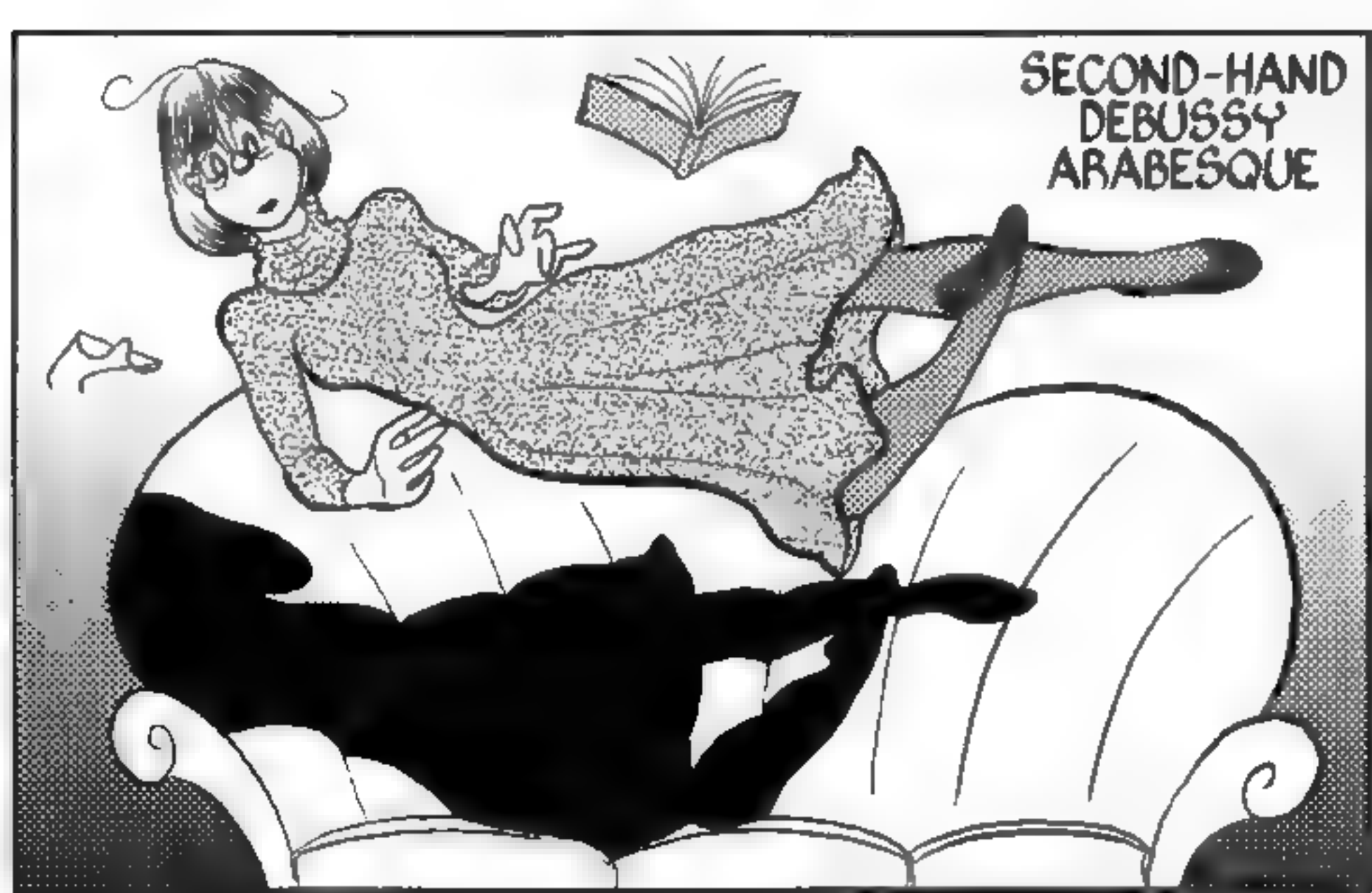
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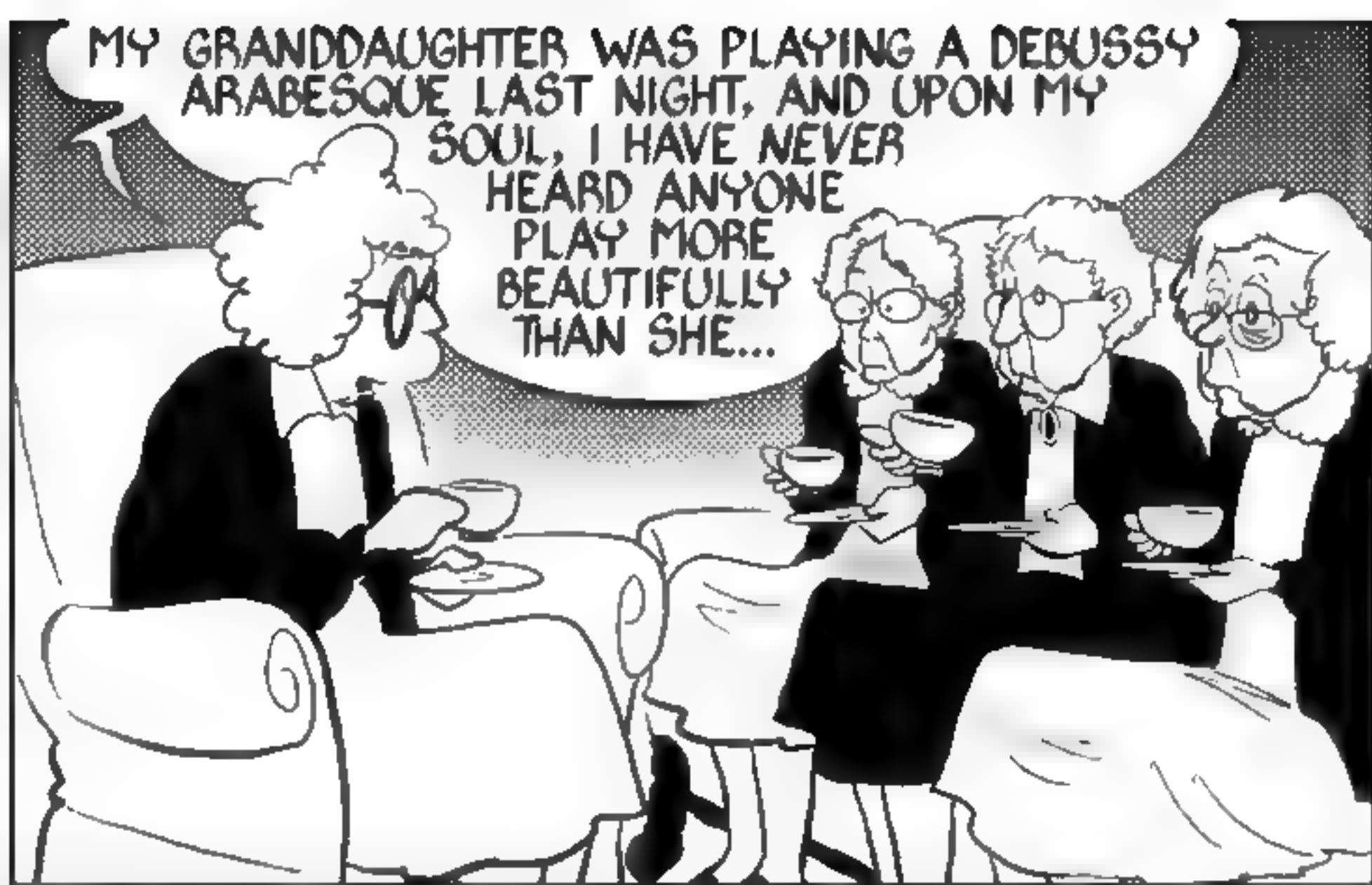
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DEBUSSY
ARABESQUE



SECOND-HAND
DEBUSSY
ARABESQUE



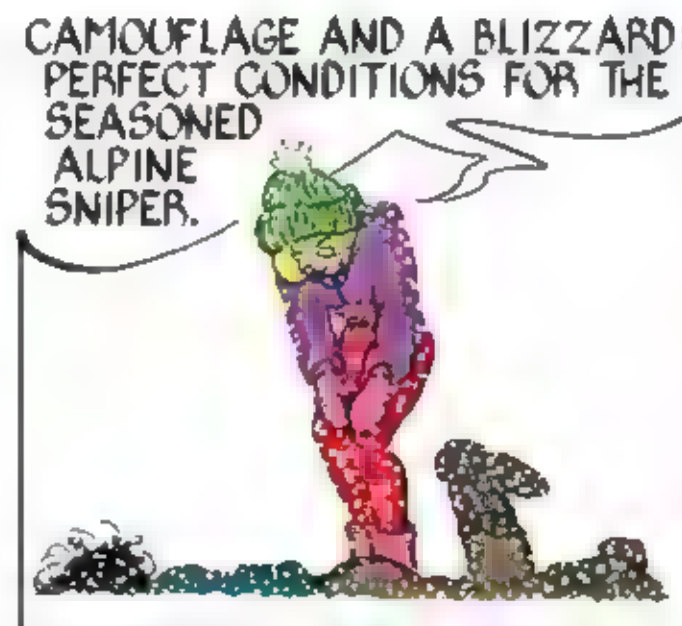
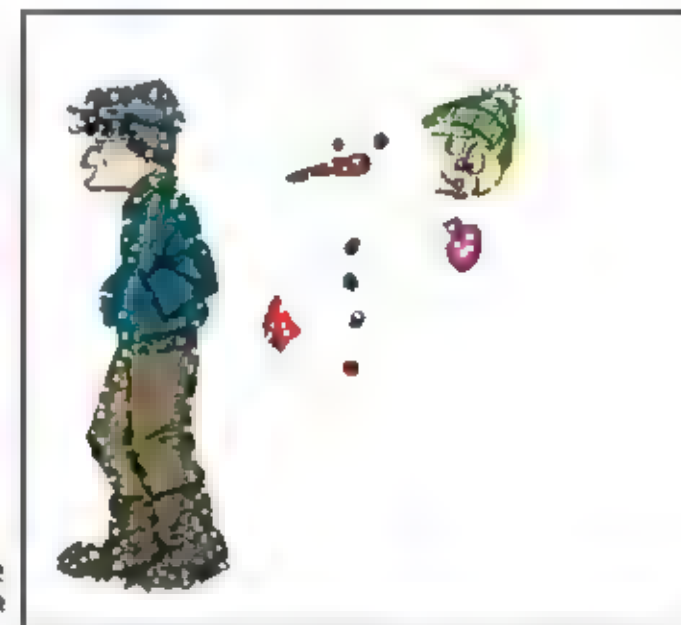
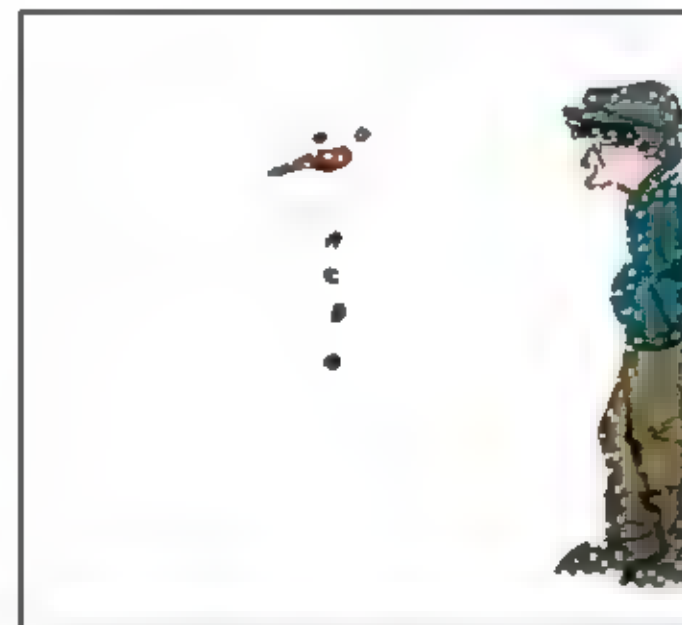


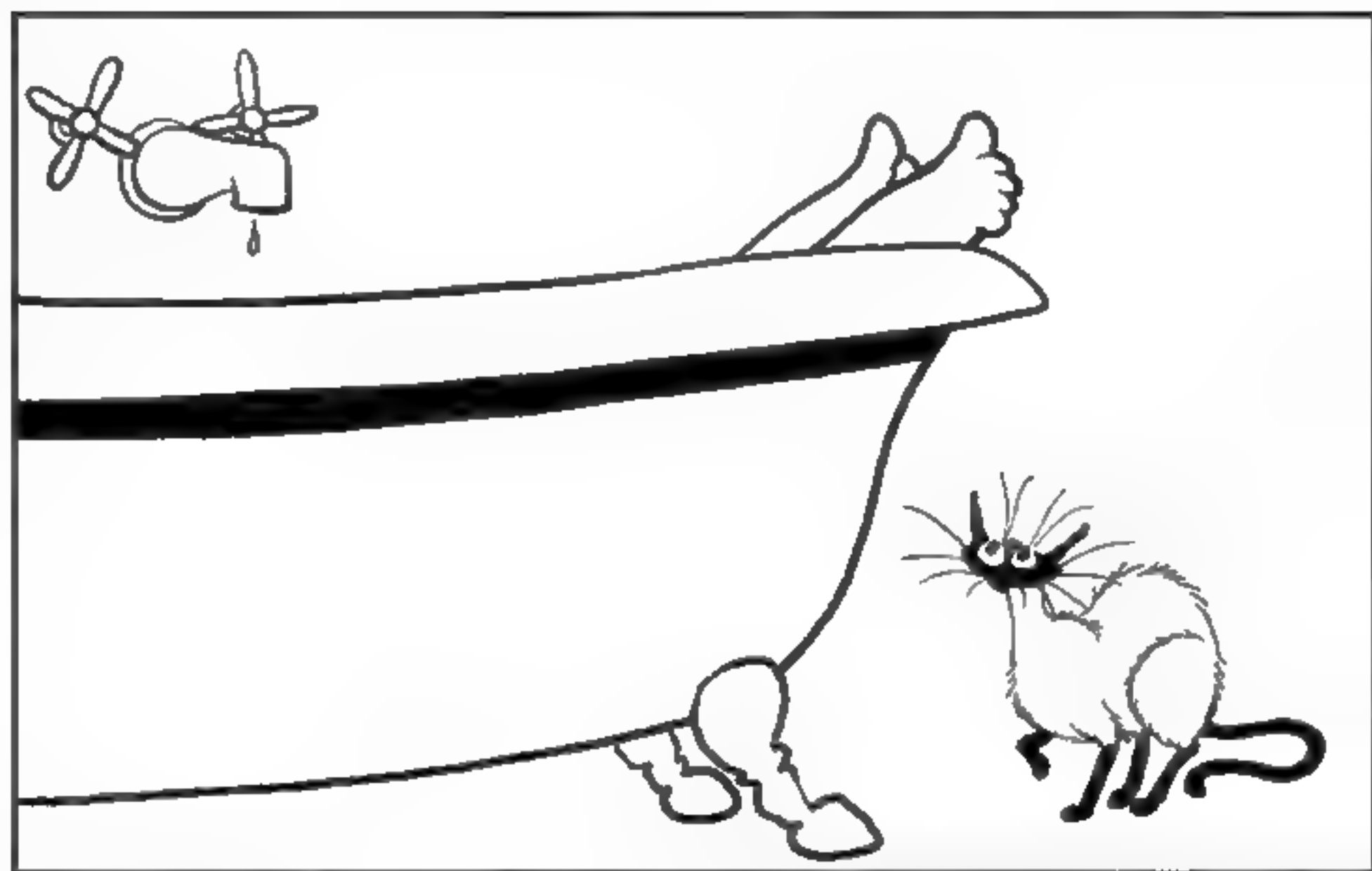
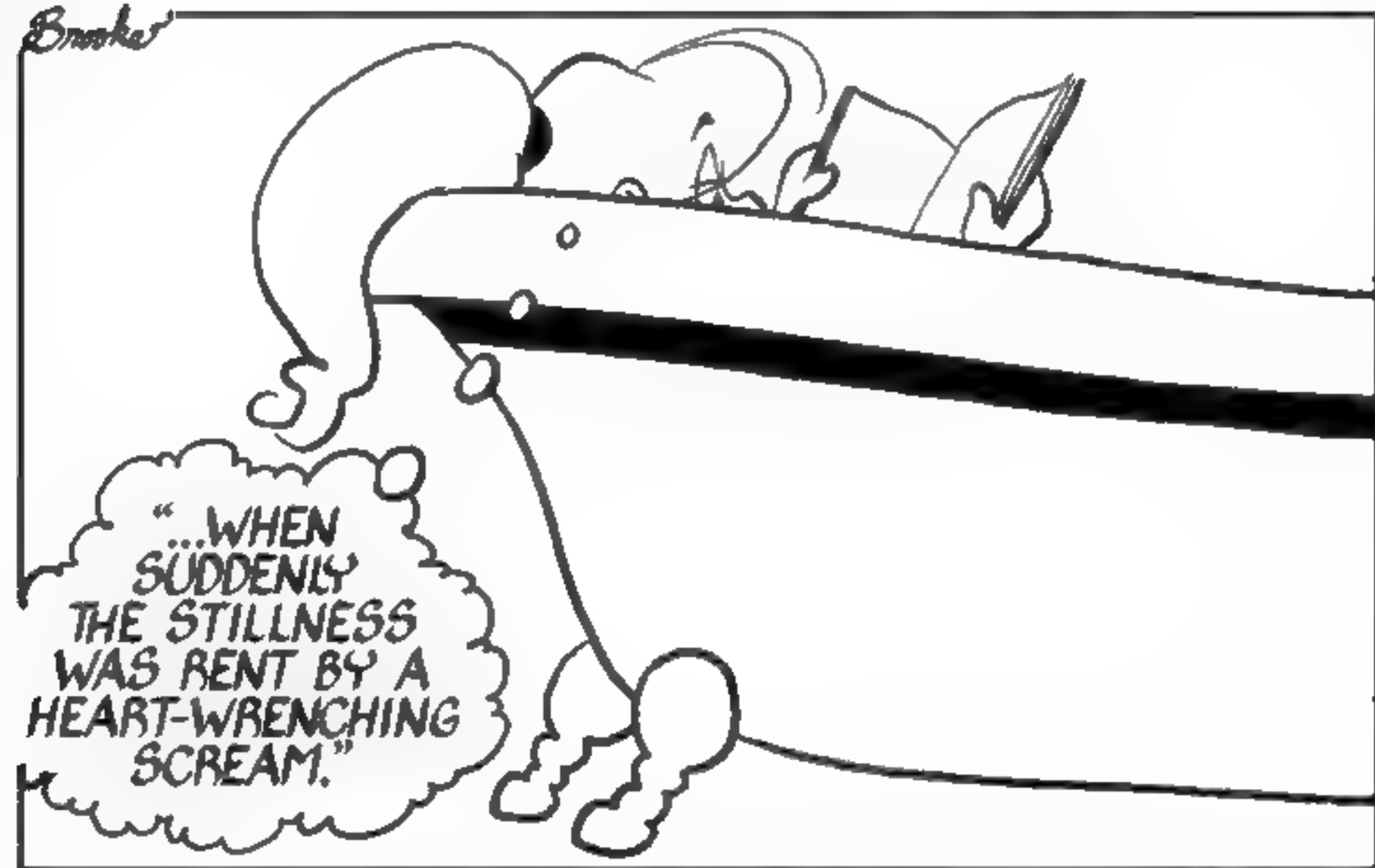
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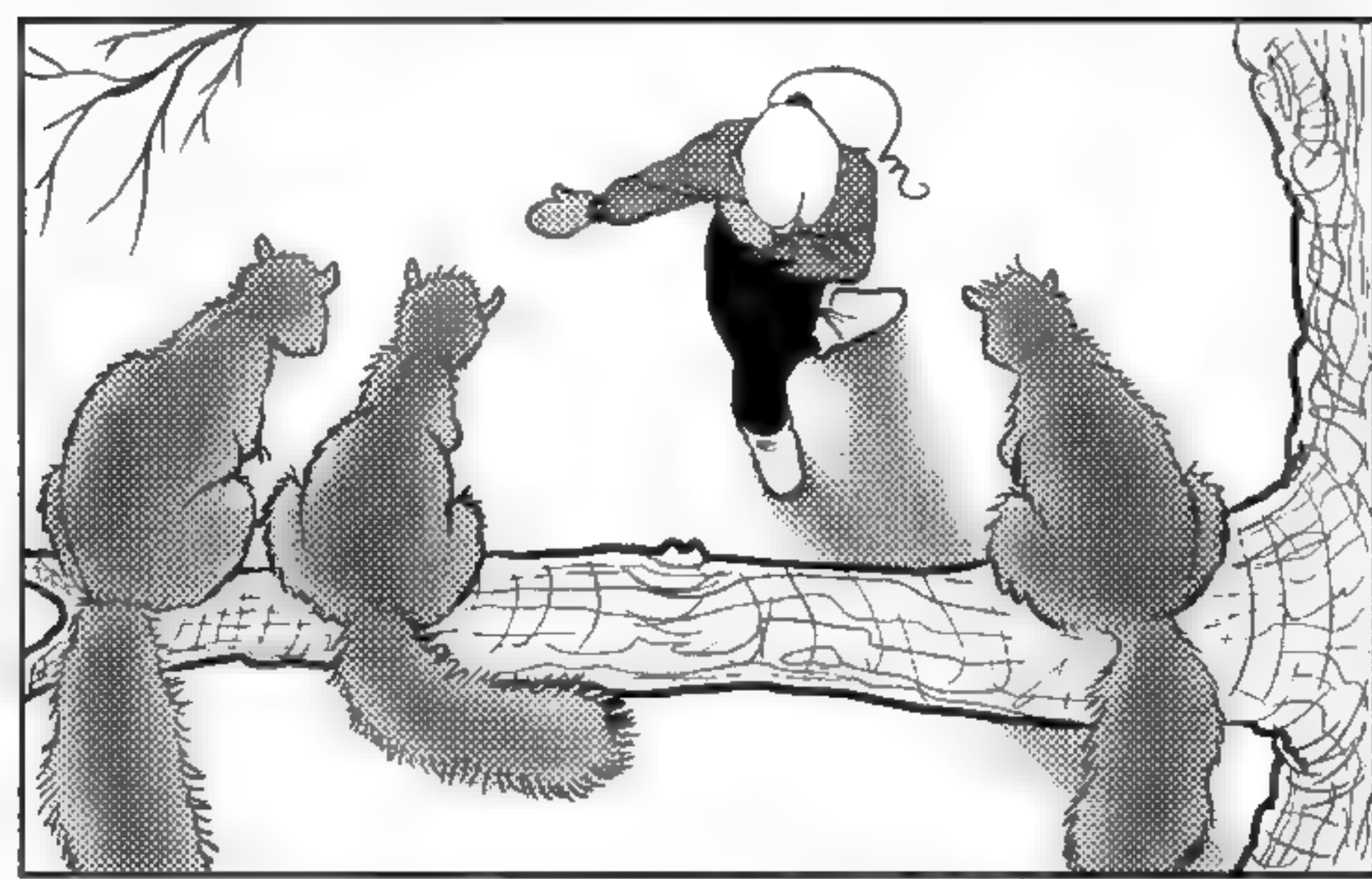
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THE FACT IS, I'M IN LOVE,
DEEPLY IN LOVE, WITH
MARY...AND I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO TALK
TO HER.



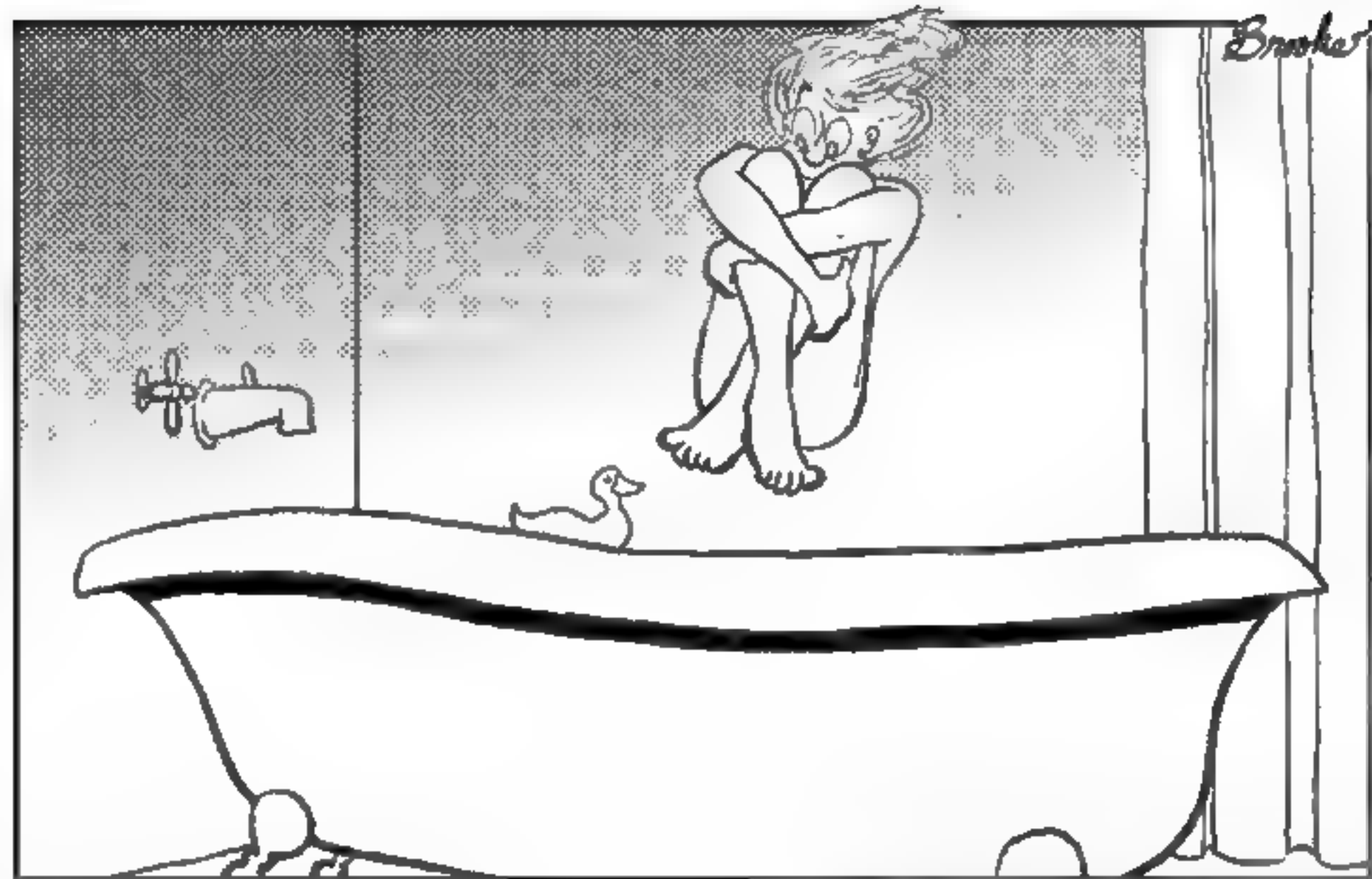
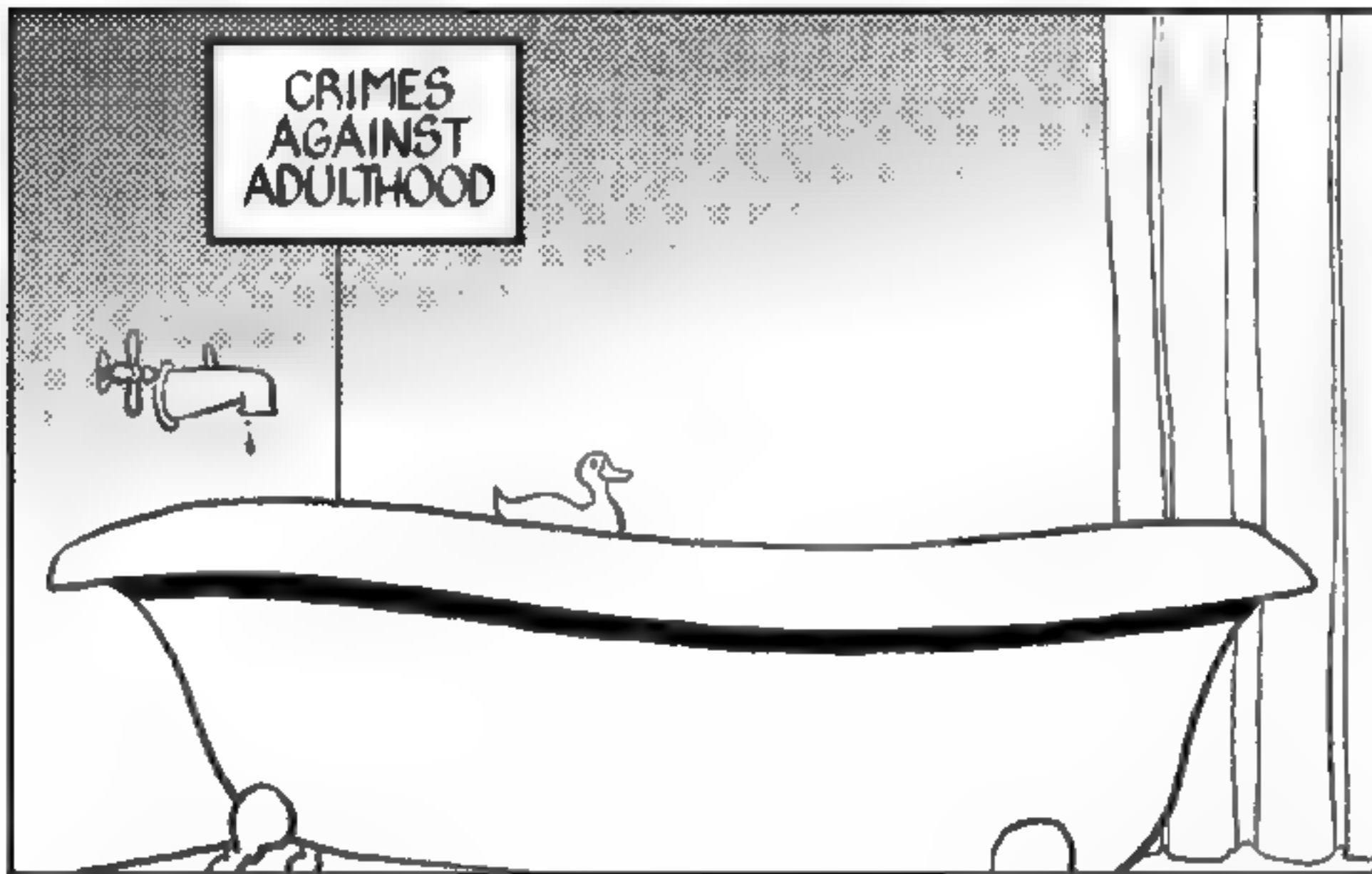
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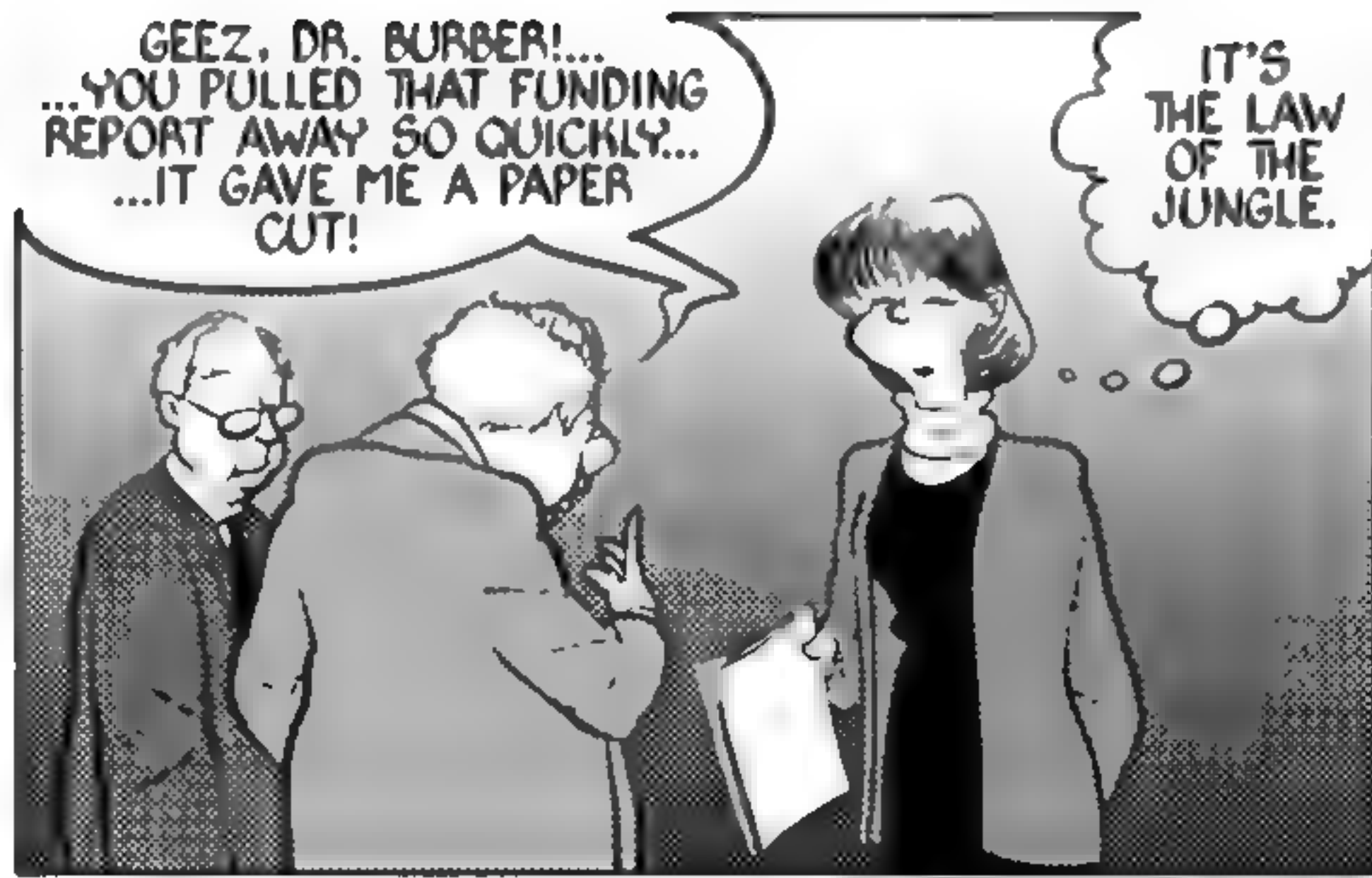
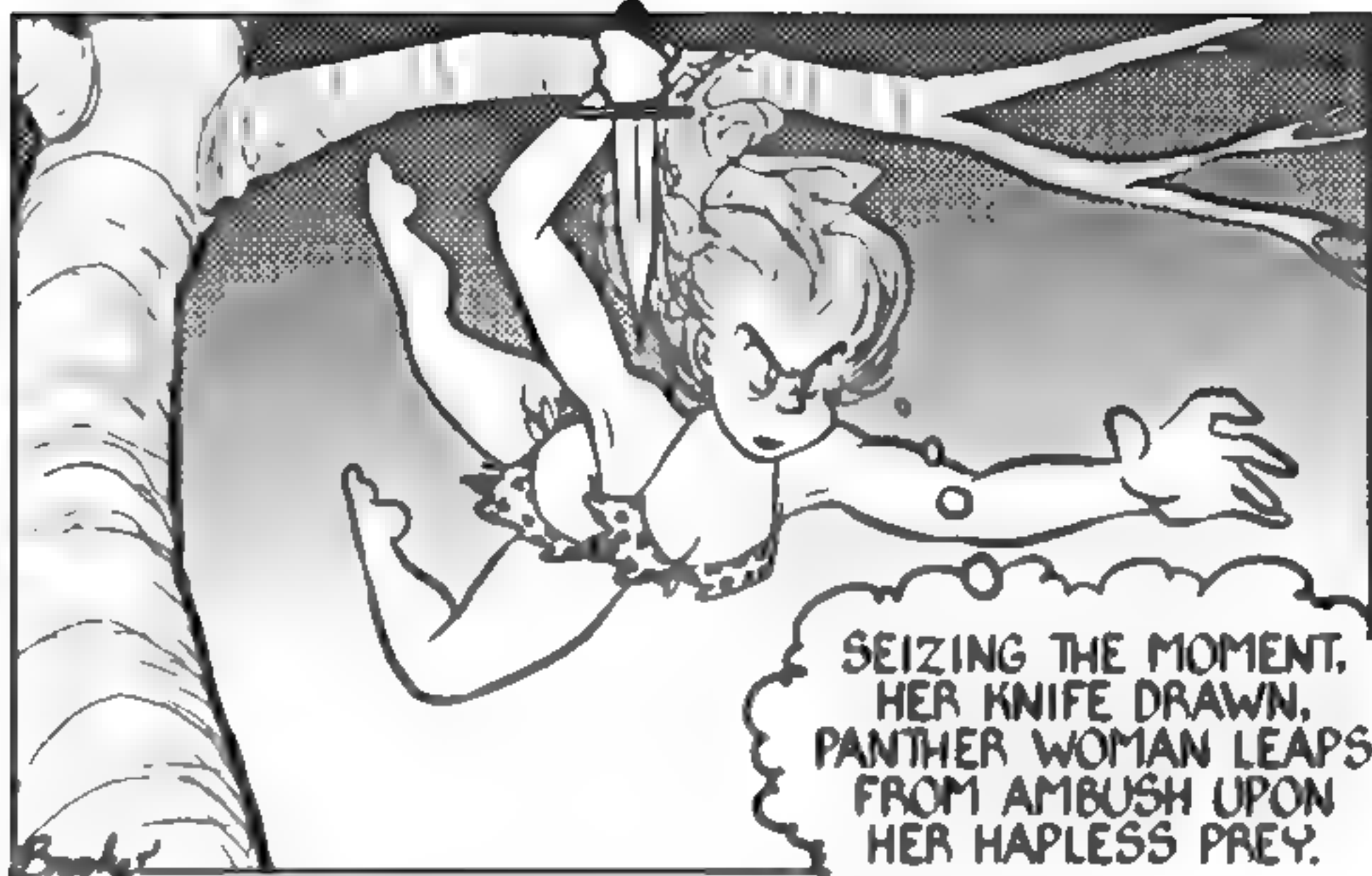
WHEN WE WERE LITTLE
KIDS YOU DIDN'T HAVE
TROUBLE COMMUNICATING
WITH GIRLS...JUST RELATE
TO HER AS YOU DID THEN.



THIS WOULDN'T BE
YOUR STELLAR ADVICE,
WOULD IT?







CRIMES AGAINST
ADULTHOOD



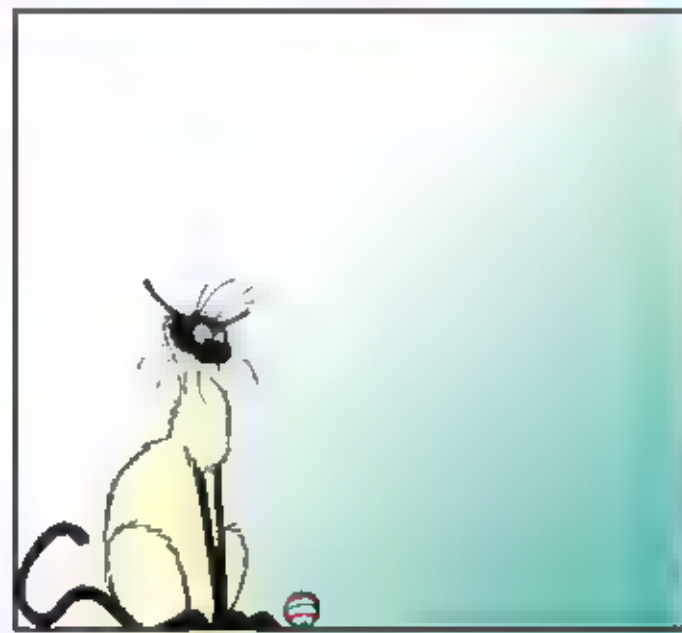
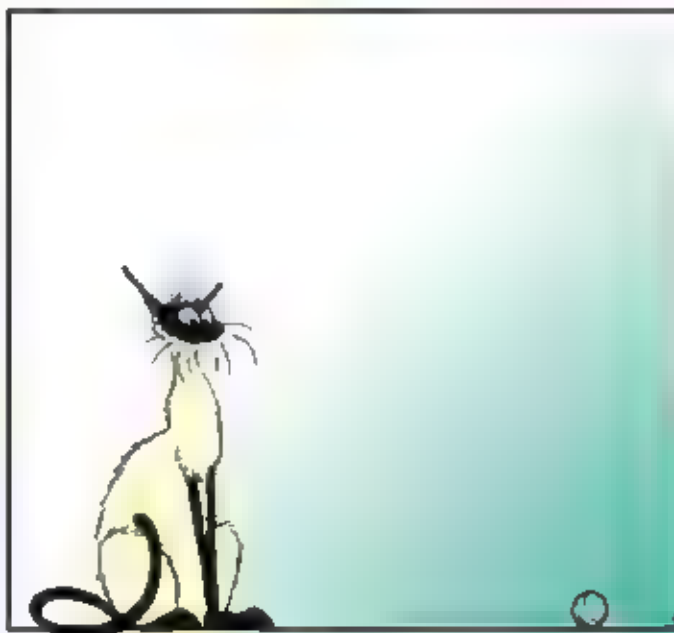
KICK
ME!
HARD!



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OF FELINITY
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COMPLETE
FREEDOM
FROM
LOGICAL
INFERENCE

HE STOOD BEFORE HER,
HIS MUSCULAR SHOULDERS
STRAINING AGAINST HIS
KHAKI SHIRT, HIS EYES
GAZING UPON HER WITH
UNDISGUISED
DESIRE.



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AND IN AN INSTANT,
DAPHNE LOST ALL
RESISTANCE TO HIS
WILL. SHE WANTED,
SHE YEARNED,
TO BE SWEEP
AWAY...



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IT MAY BE A FAD TO HAVE
THE NAVEL SURGICALLY
REMOVED, BUT THERE SHOULD
BE A MORE COMPELLING
REASON TO ALTER THE
PHYSICAL TRAITS NATURE
GAVE US.

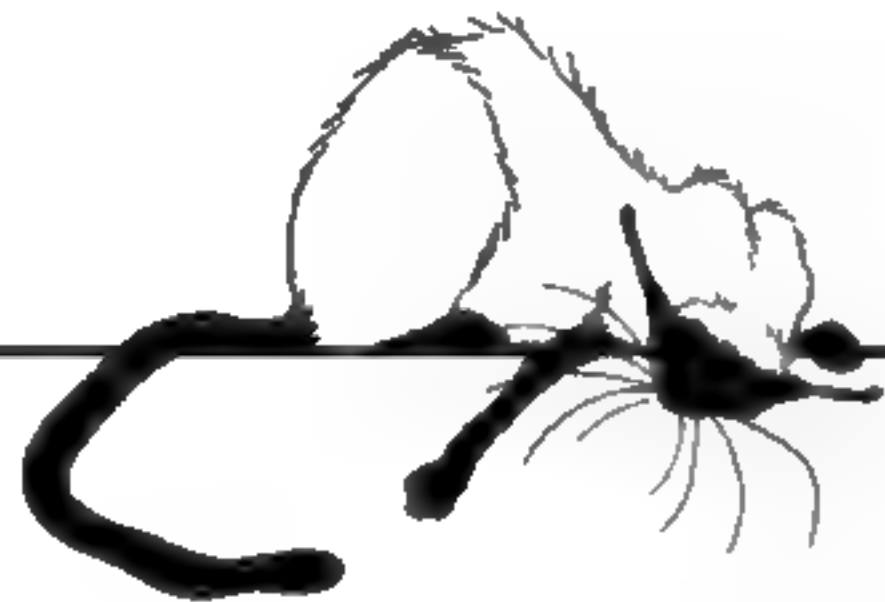
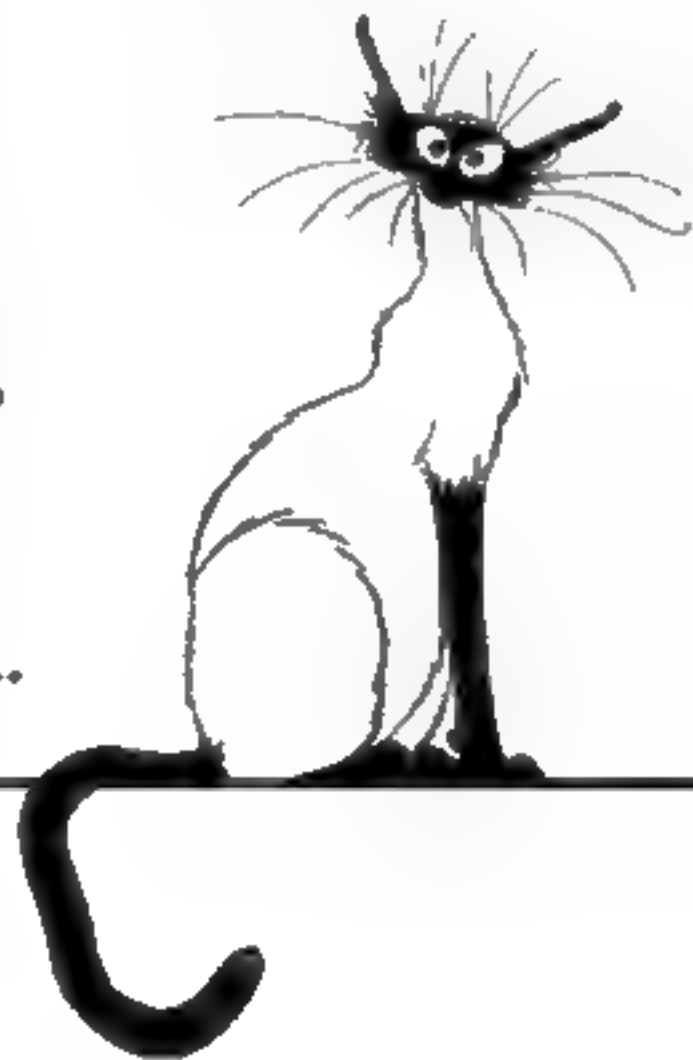


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FROM THIS LOFTY
VANTAGE, THE WORLD
AND ALL ITS
WONDERS SPREAD...
...VAST CONTINENTS,
EXOTIC ISLAND REALMS,
FROM THE FOOTHILLS
OF PATAGONIA TO
FABLED CATHAY ITSELF!
AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN...

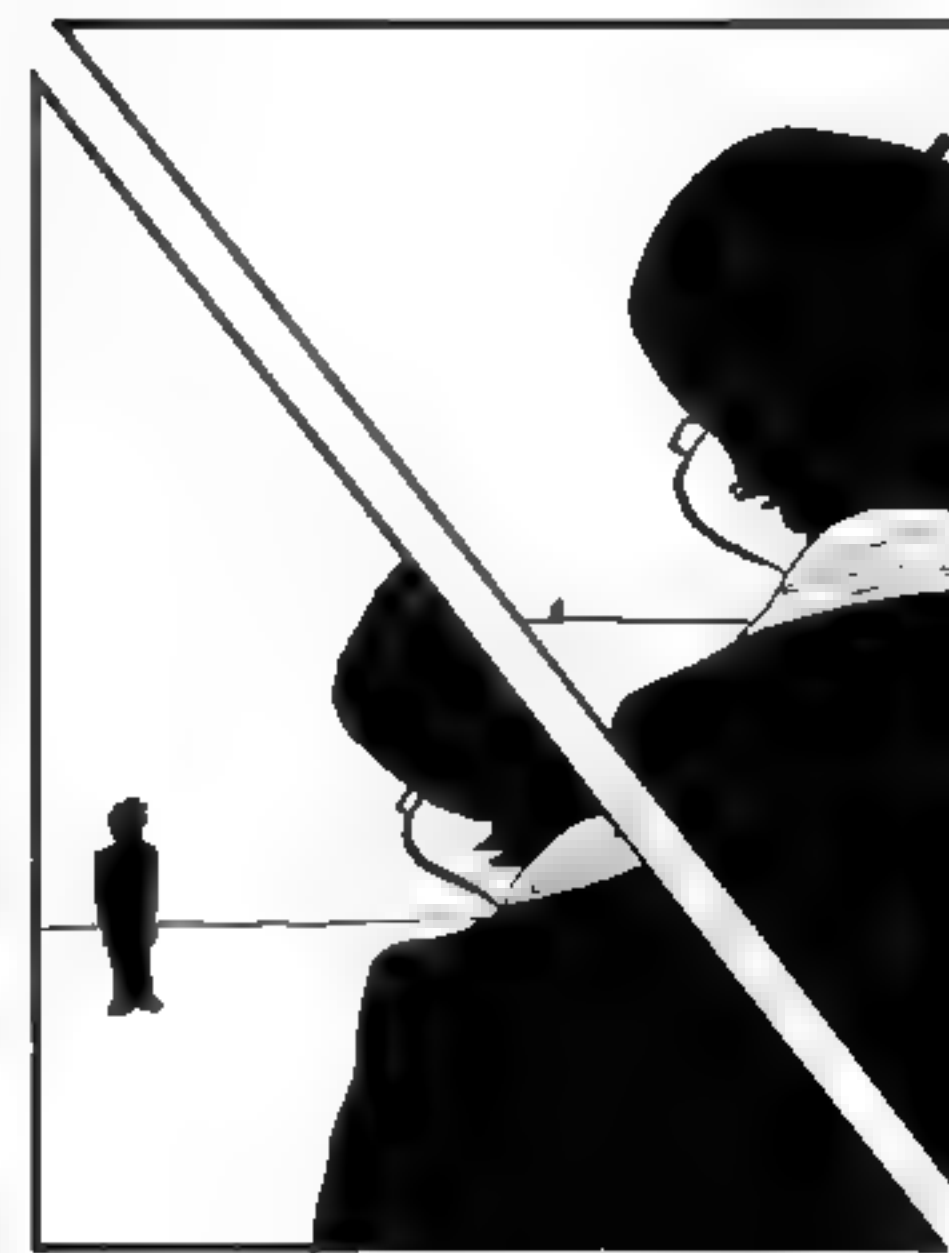


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NONE OF US IS COMPLETELY
HAPPY WITH OUR LOOKS,
AMOS...I ALWAYS FEEL MY
NOSE IS TOO PROMINENT,
MY NOSTRILS ARE LARGE,
MY HAIR IS WAY TOO
COARSE, AND I WISH MY
HIPS WERE SLIMMER...



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EVERYBODY THINKS GEEKS
ARE DIFFERENT...BUT WE'RE
NOT! WE FEEL JUST AS
MUCH DESIRE, JUST AS
MUCH UNTAMED, VIKING
LUST AS ANYONE!

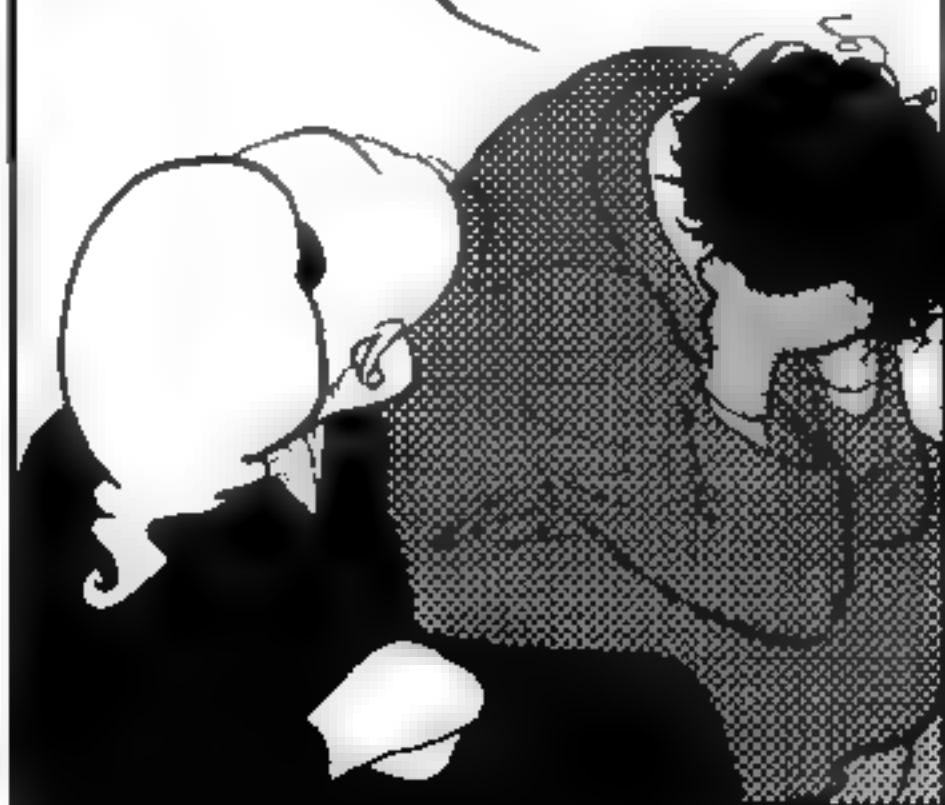
AND
EXACTLY
HOW MUCH
LUST IS
THAT?

WOULD YOU
LIKE THAT IN
BTUs OR CUBIC
CENTIMETERS?
I HAVE A
CONVERSION
FORMULA.

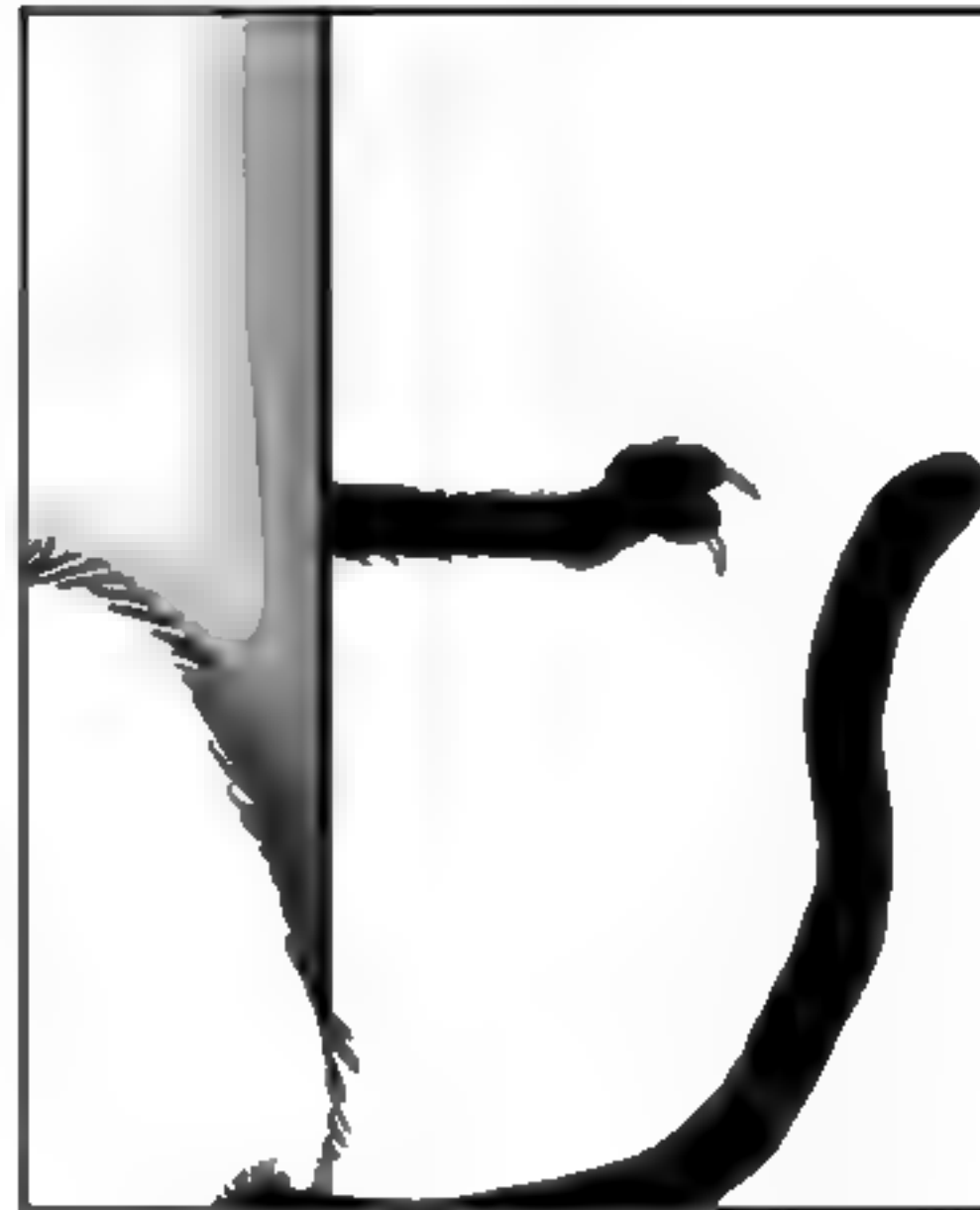
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OKAY...GEEKS
ARE DIFFERENT.



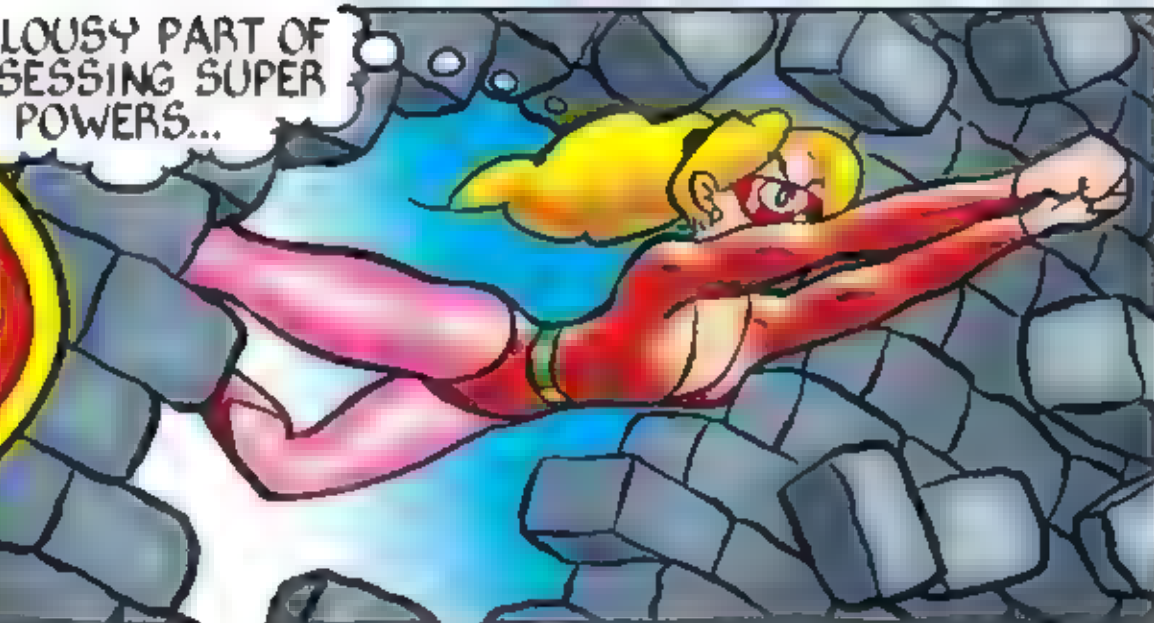
**THE MOST
ELUSIVE
OF PREY**



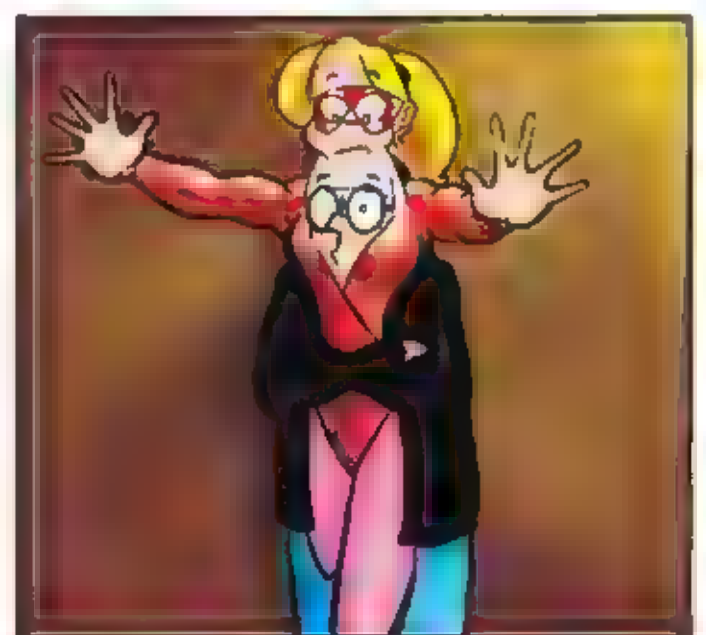
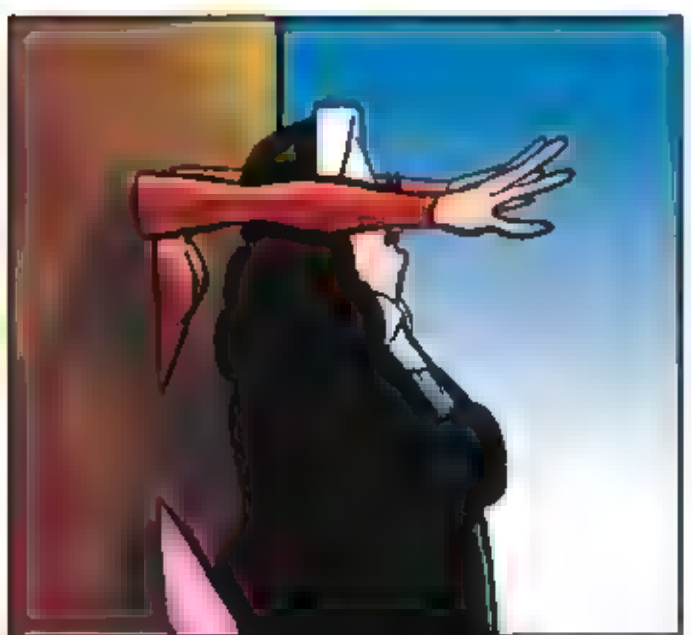
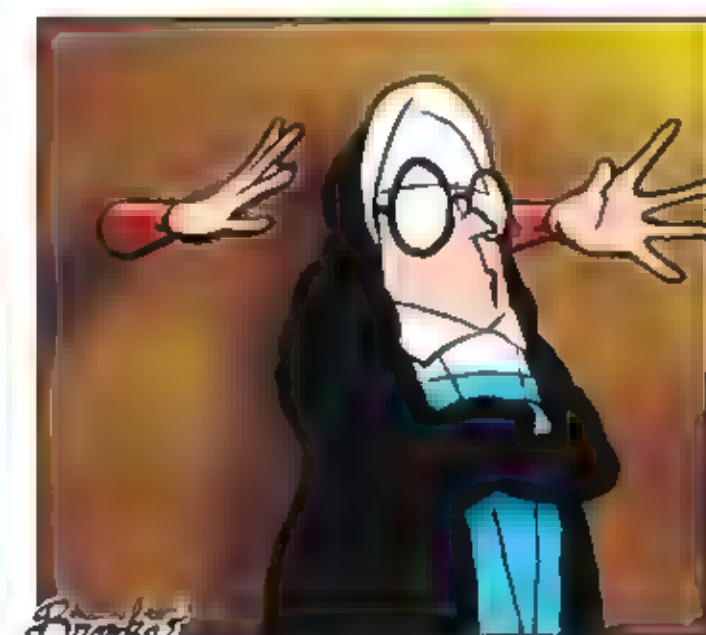
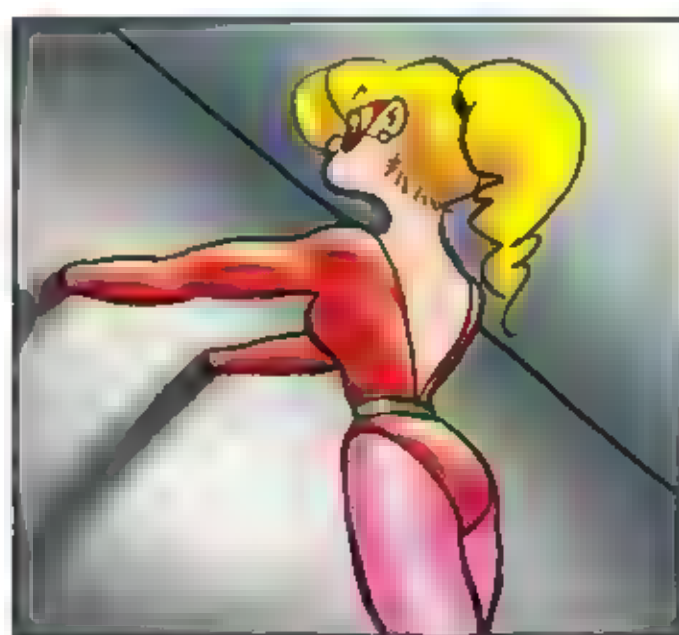
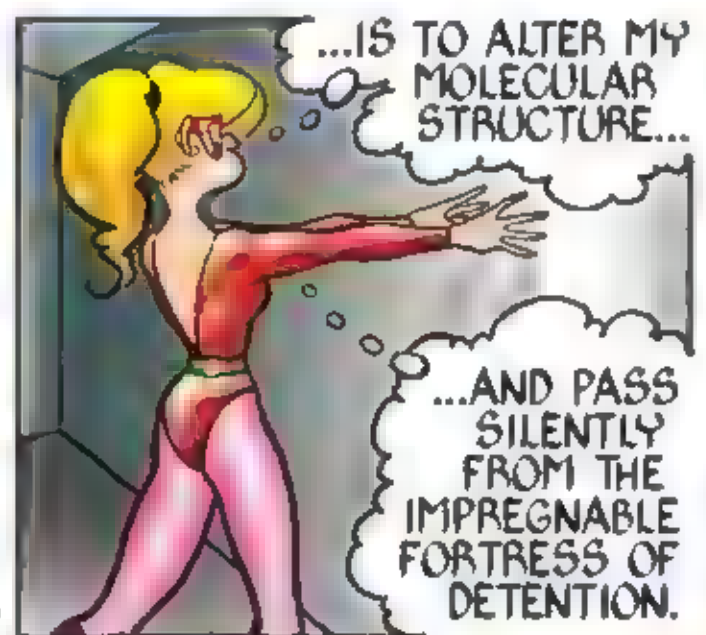
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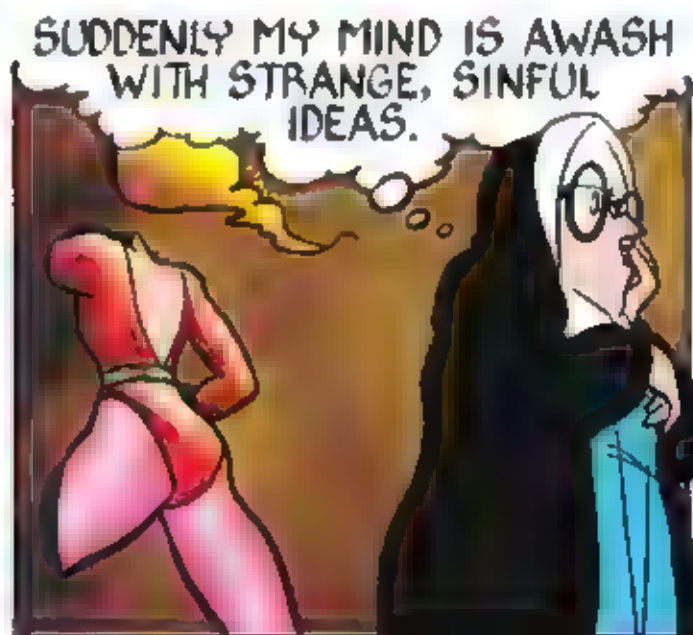
THE LOUSY PART OF
POSSESSING SUPER
POWERS...

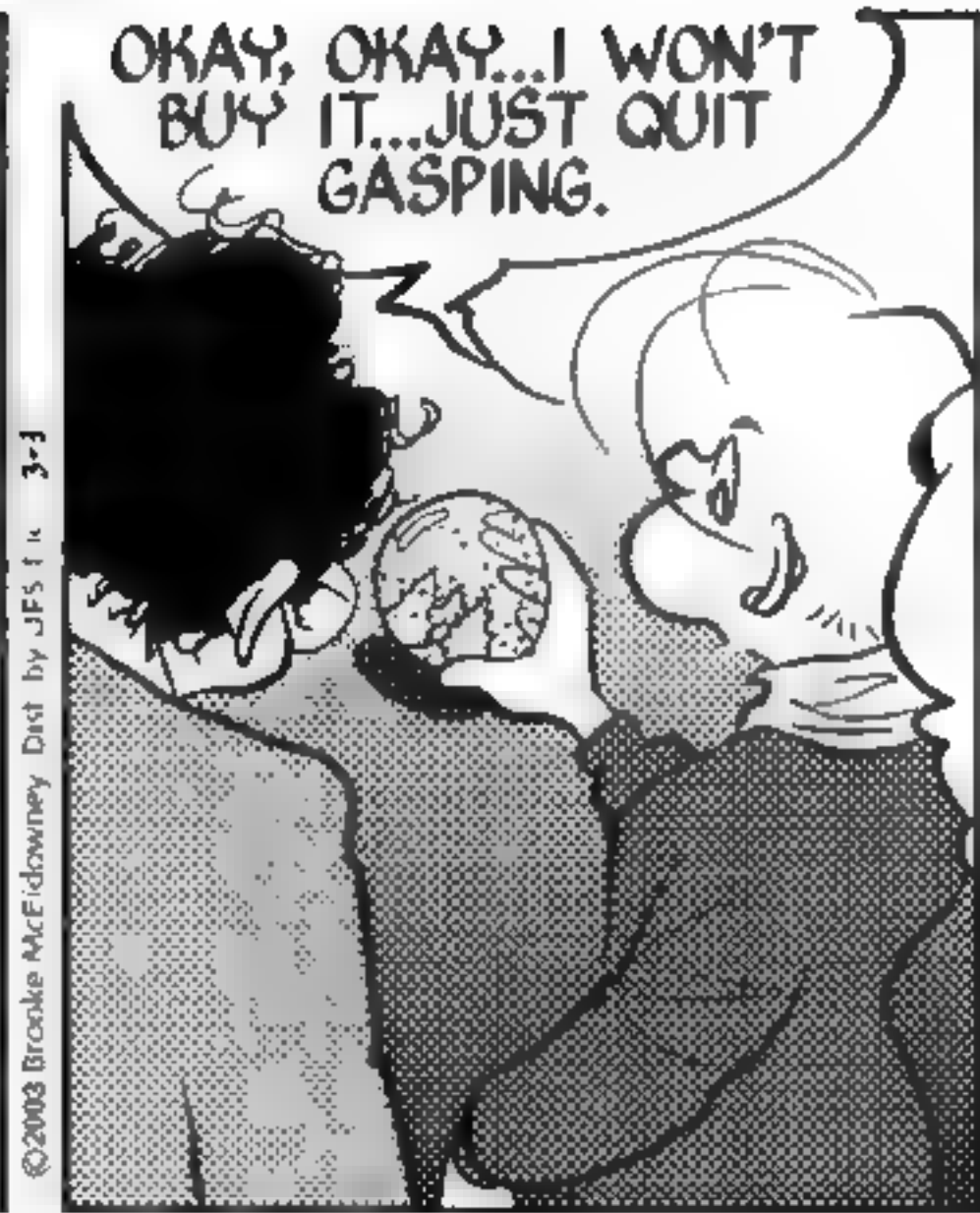


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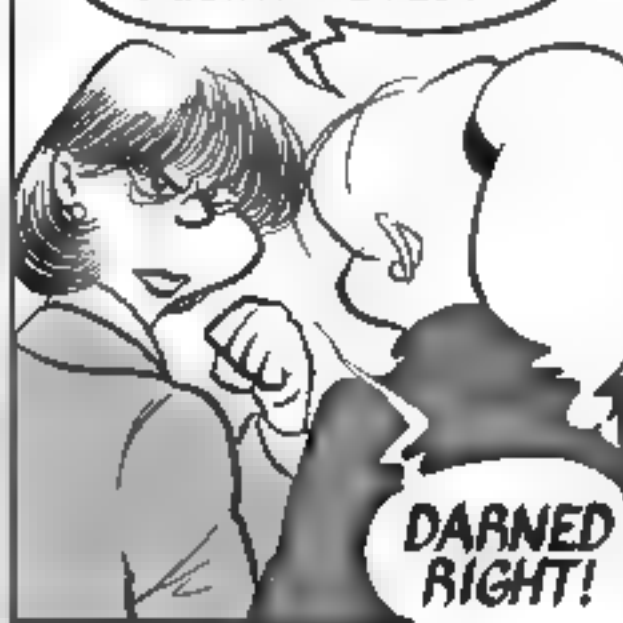
ARE YOU ALL SET FOR
YOUR CONTRACT
NEGOTIATION?

DARNED
RIGHT!



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YOU HAVE YOUR
IRON RESOLVE? YOUR
SET JAW? YOUR
SQUINTY EYES?



DARNED
RIGHT!

WHAT
ABOUT
YOUR
TIGER-
STRIPED
BODY
SUIT?

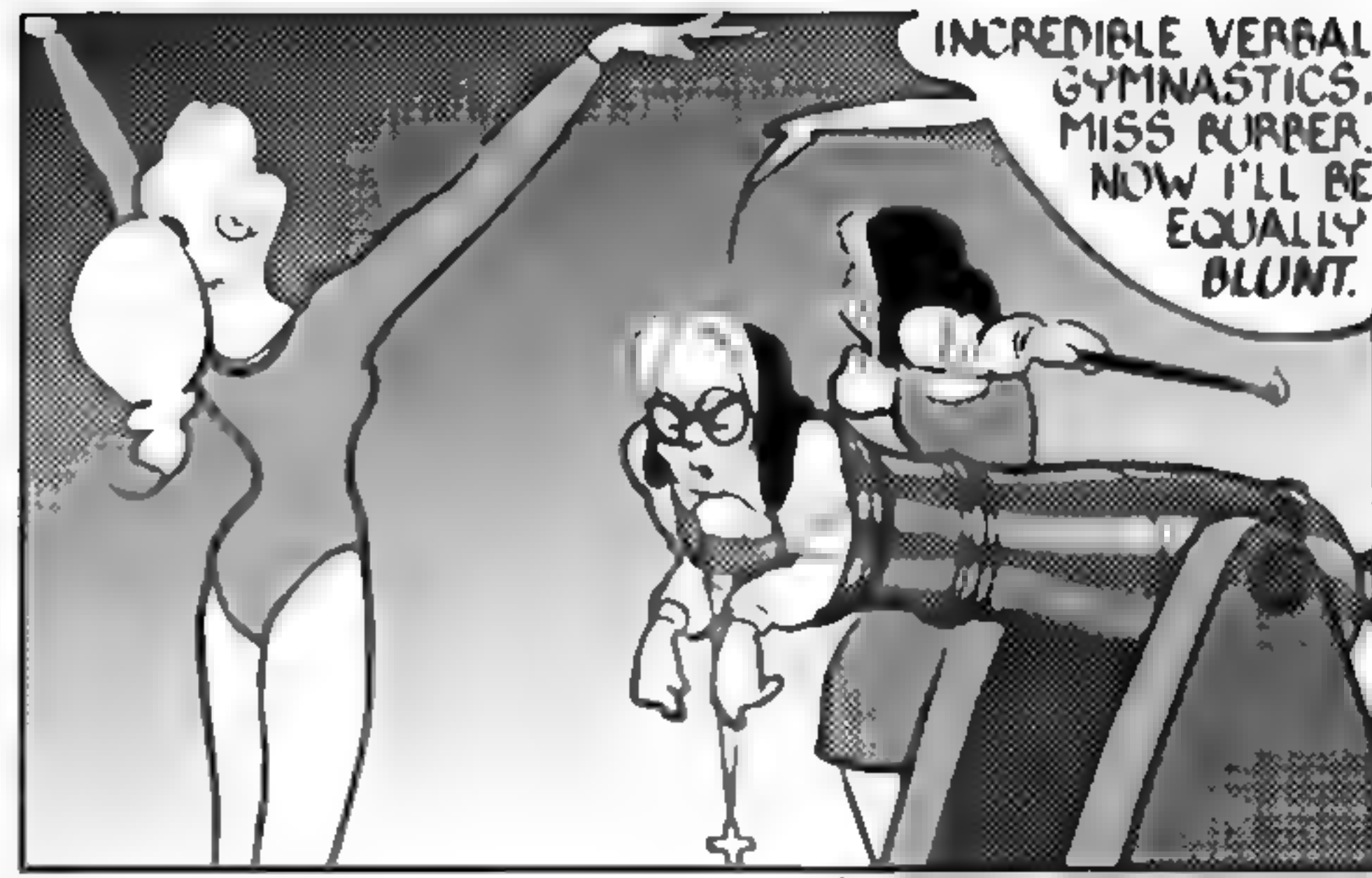
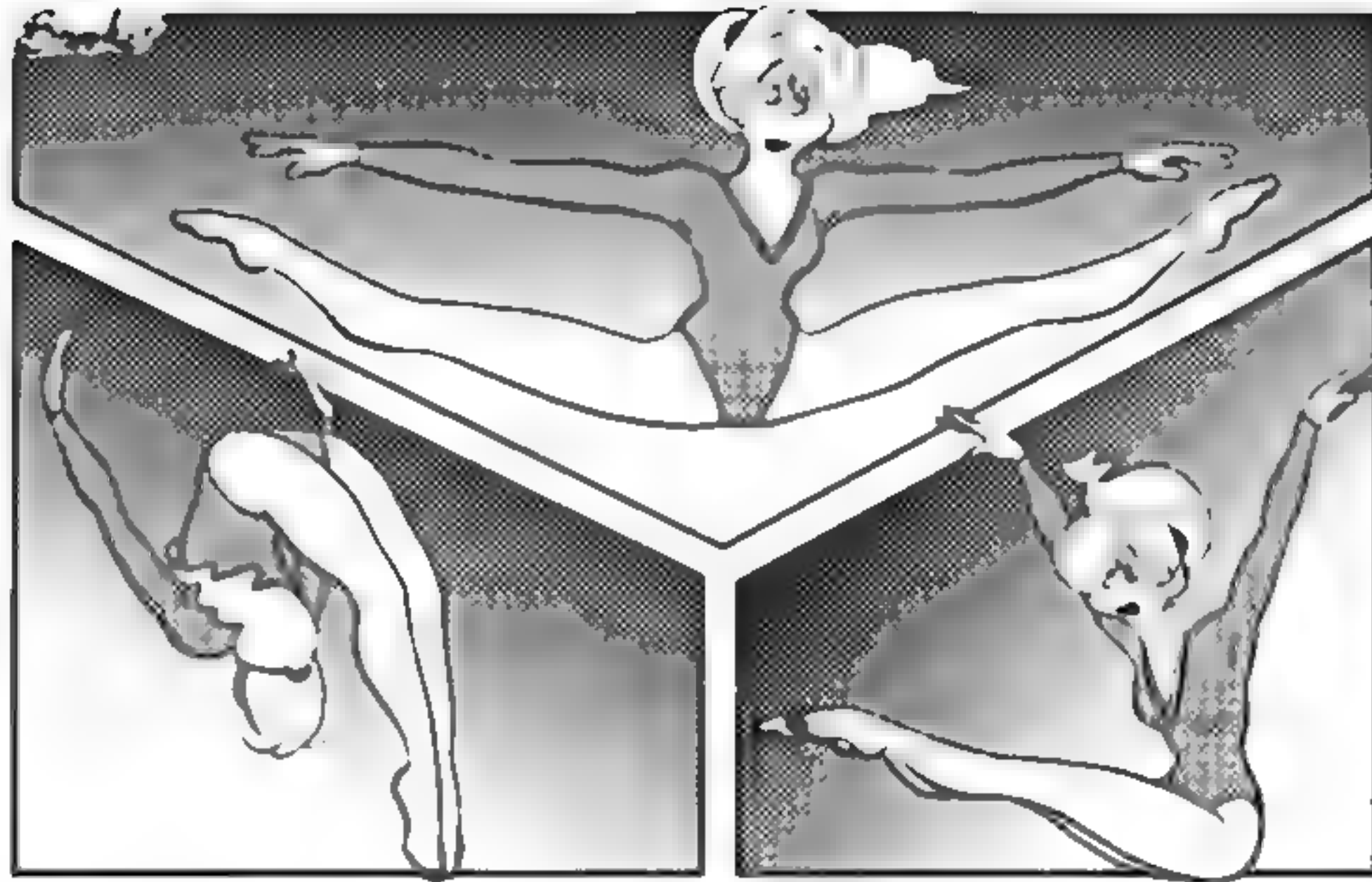


IF SHE'S TOLD ME ONCE,
SHE'S TOLD ME A THOUSAND
TIMES. NEVER NEGOTIATE IN
GRAY UNDERWEAR THAT
PREDATES YOUR
CHILDREN.



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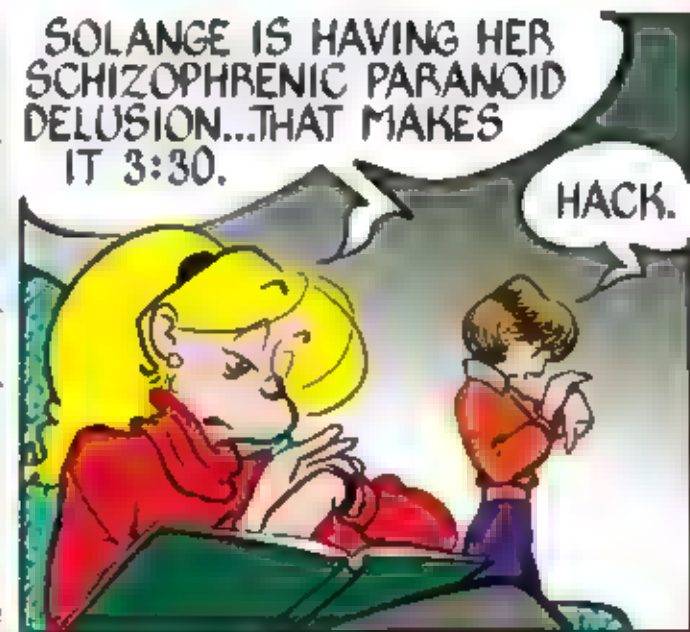
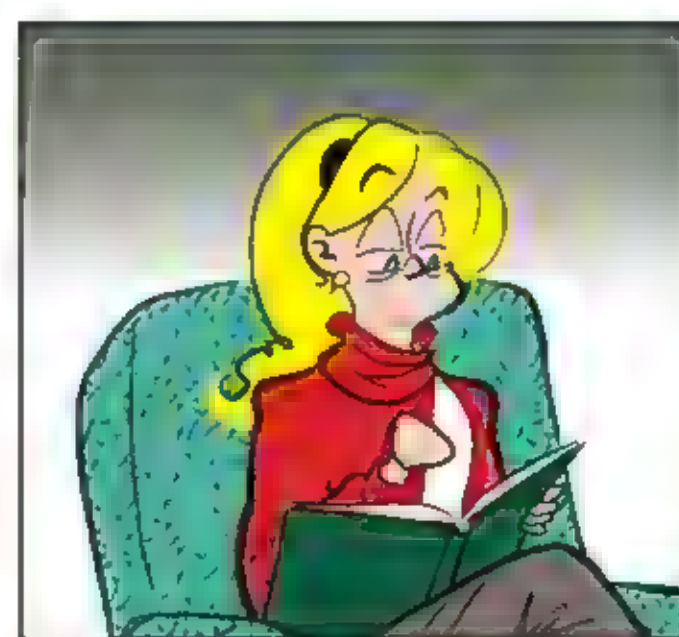
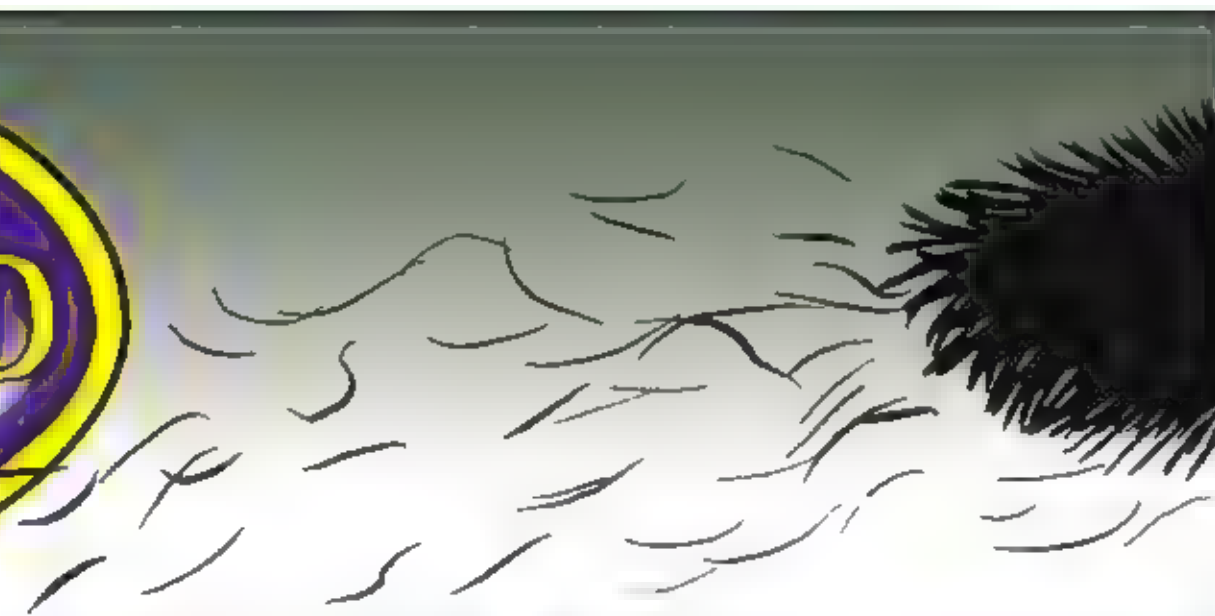


LET THE MINUTES
SHOW THAT DR. BURBER
EXPRESSED OPPOSITION
TO THE PROPOSED
BUDGET CUTS.





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AN UNAVOIDABLE QUESTION ARISES WHEN
TWO MIDDLE-AGED PEOPLE SLOW DANCE
AT THE END OF A LONG DAY.

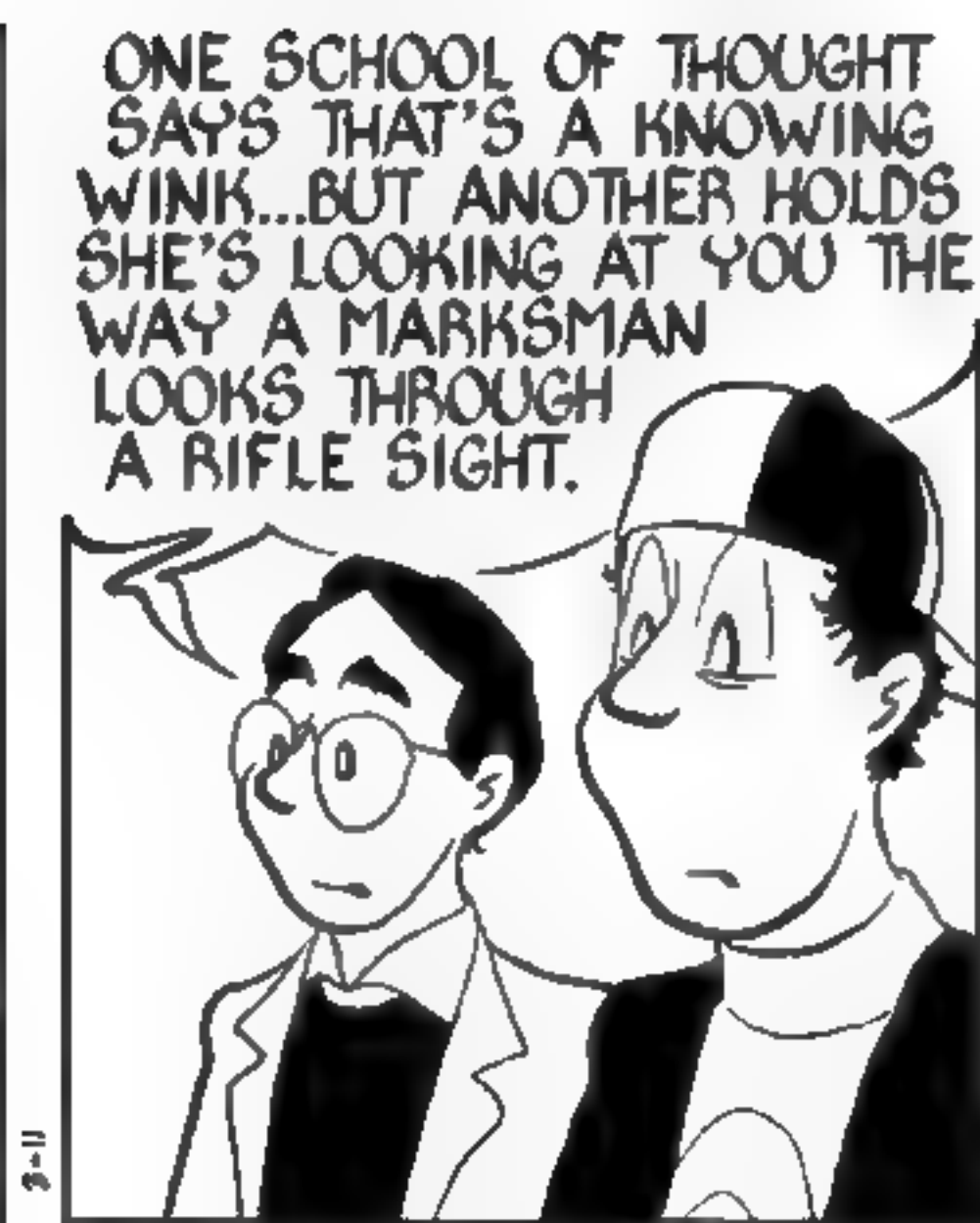
AND
THAT
IS?

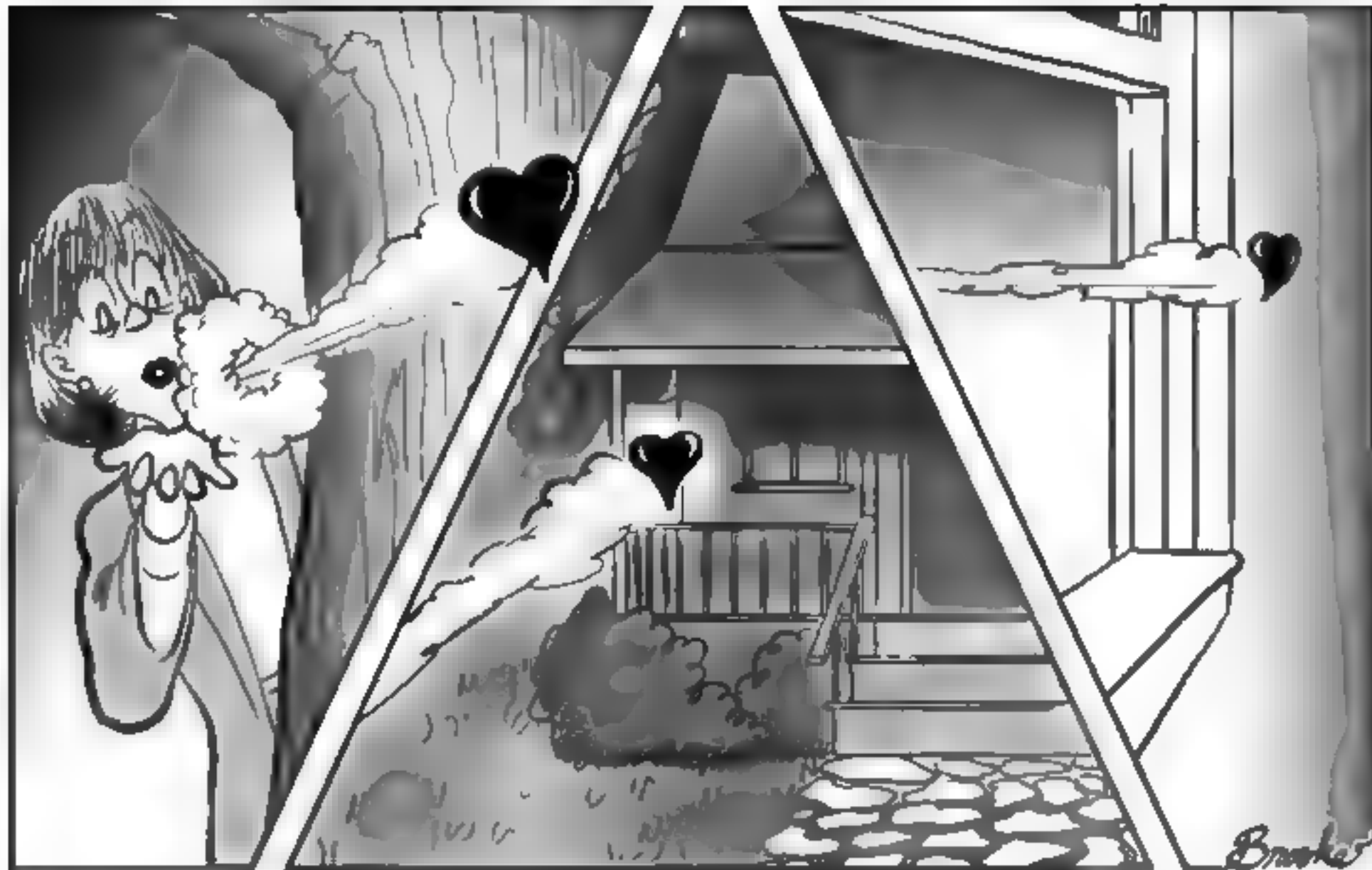
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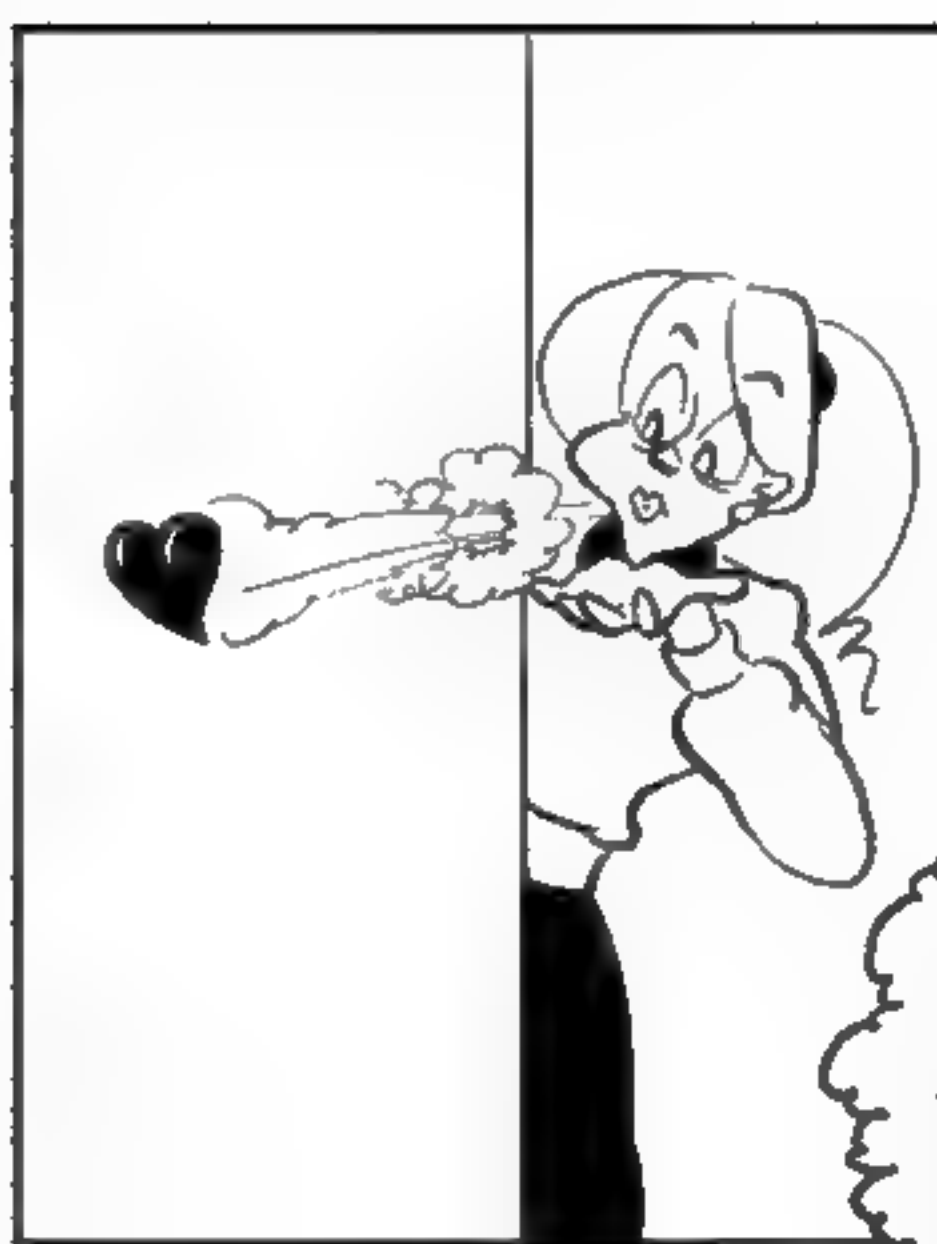
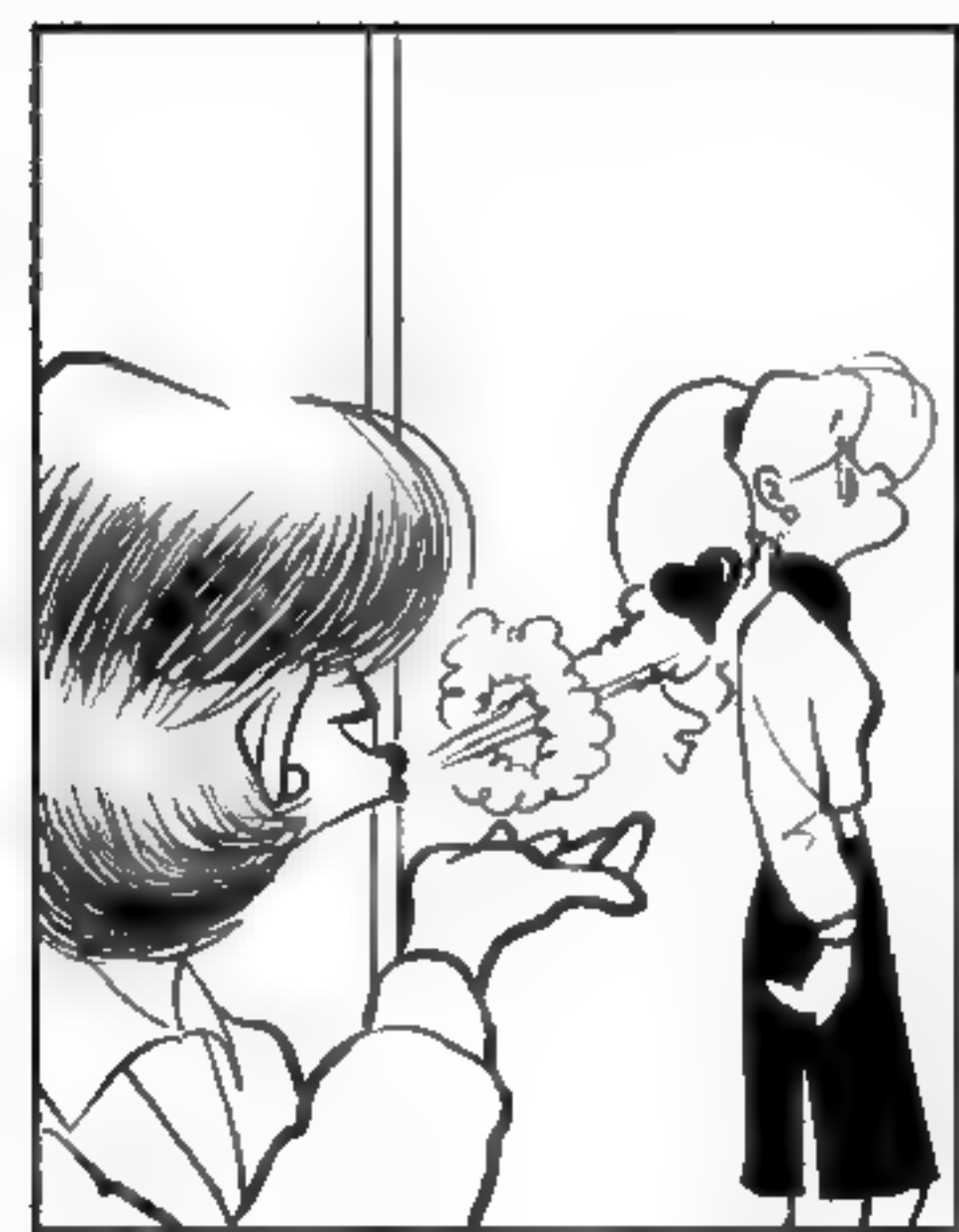
WHAT'S
HOLDING
THEM UP?



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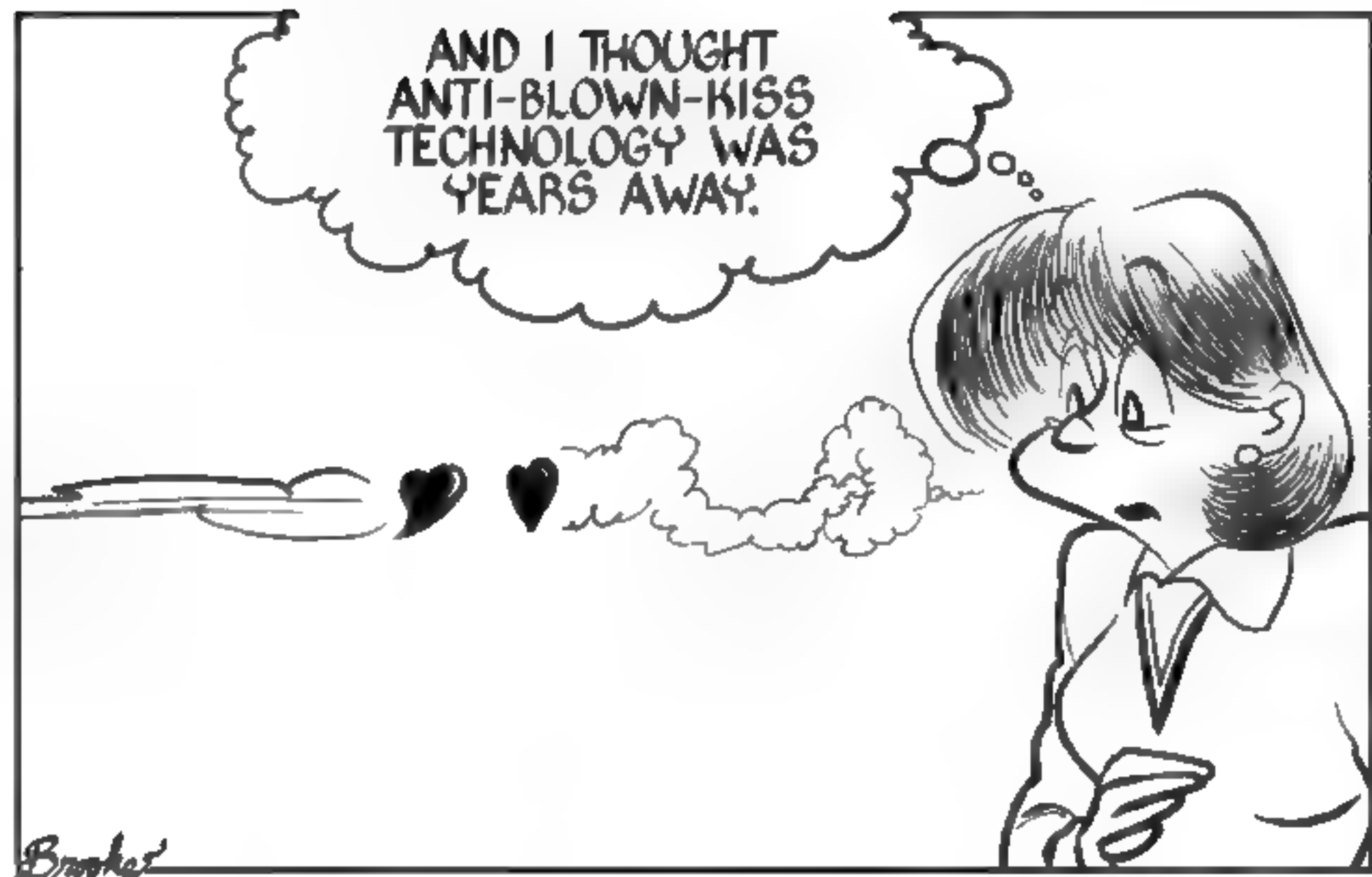




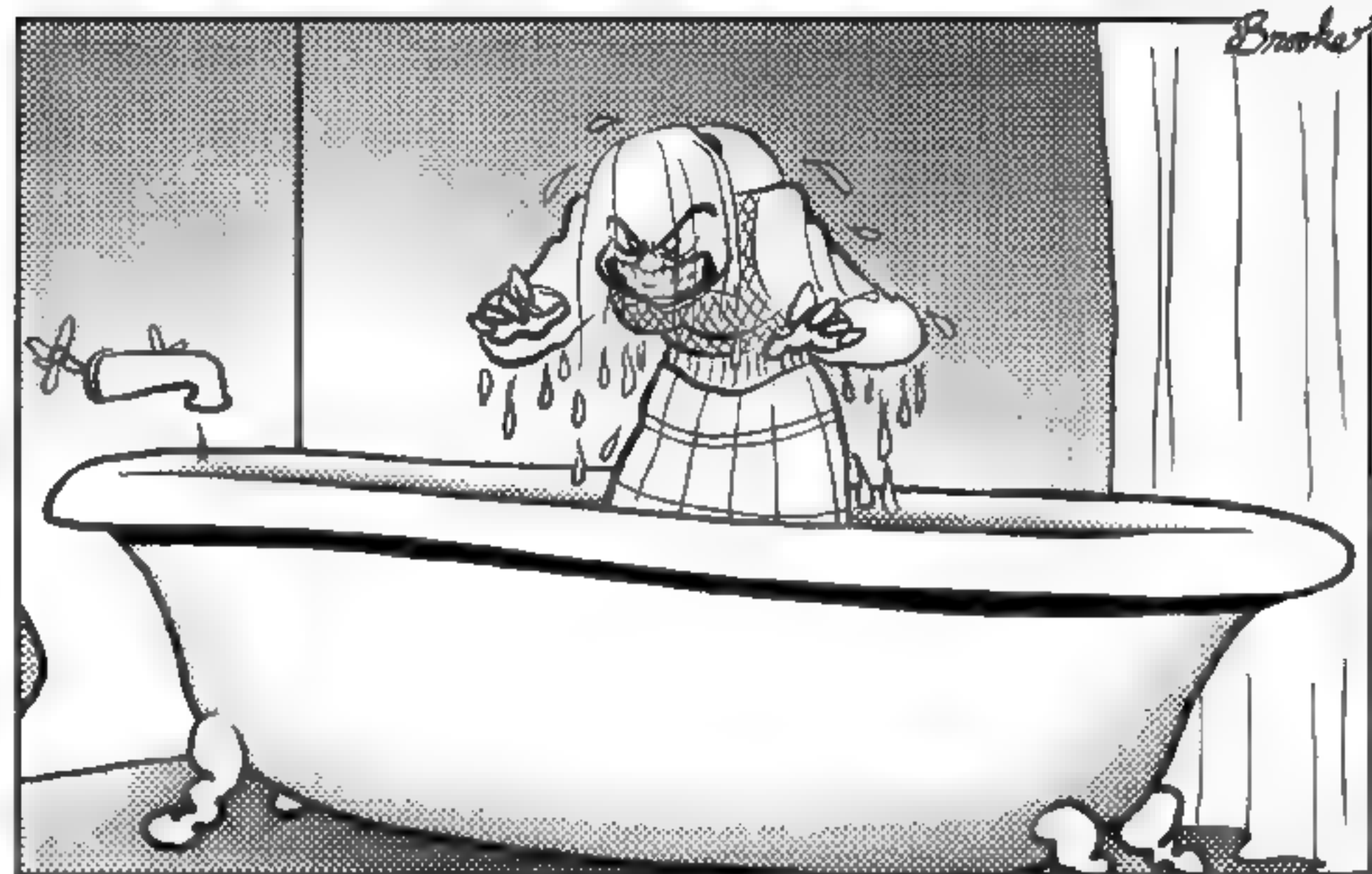




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IT WAS VERY
THOUGHTFUL
OF EDDA TO DRAW
MY BATH FOR ME.
SOMETIMES SHE CAN
BE SO TRYING...
THEN SHE CAN
BE SO SWEET.
...I GUESS SHE'S
A BIT OF BOTH.



9 CHICKWEED LANE

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HELLO, ROSE...IT'S ME AGAIN...
FLUSH WITH FRESH TALES
OF ROMANTIC CONQUEST.

YOU KNOW, SELF-
DEPRECATING
IRONY'S A LOT
FUNNIER IF
YOU DON'T
LAUGH SO
HARD.

I DON'T KNOW, ROSE...MARRYING FOR
LOVE WAS A DISASTER FOR ME.
I NEED TO BE MORE PARTICULAR
ABOUT WHAT I WANT
FROM A MAN.

HE SHOULD BE TALENTED AND INTELLIGENT,
BUT NOT JADED...EXTERNALLY YOUTHFUL,
YET COMPLETELY UNCONCERNED WITH
HIS LOOKS. AND OVERALL, HE MUST
BE DEVOTED, TOTALLY LOYAL
AND UNQUESTIONABLY
HONEST.

I HAVE TO DETAIL MY
SPECS, ROSE...AND THIS
TIME IT LOOKS LIKE AN
ALL-NIGHTER.

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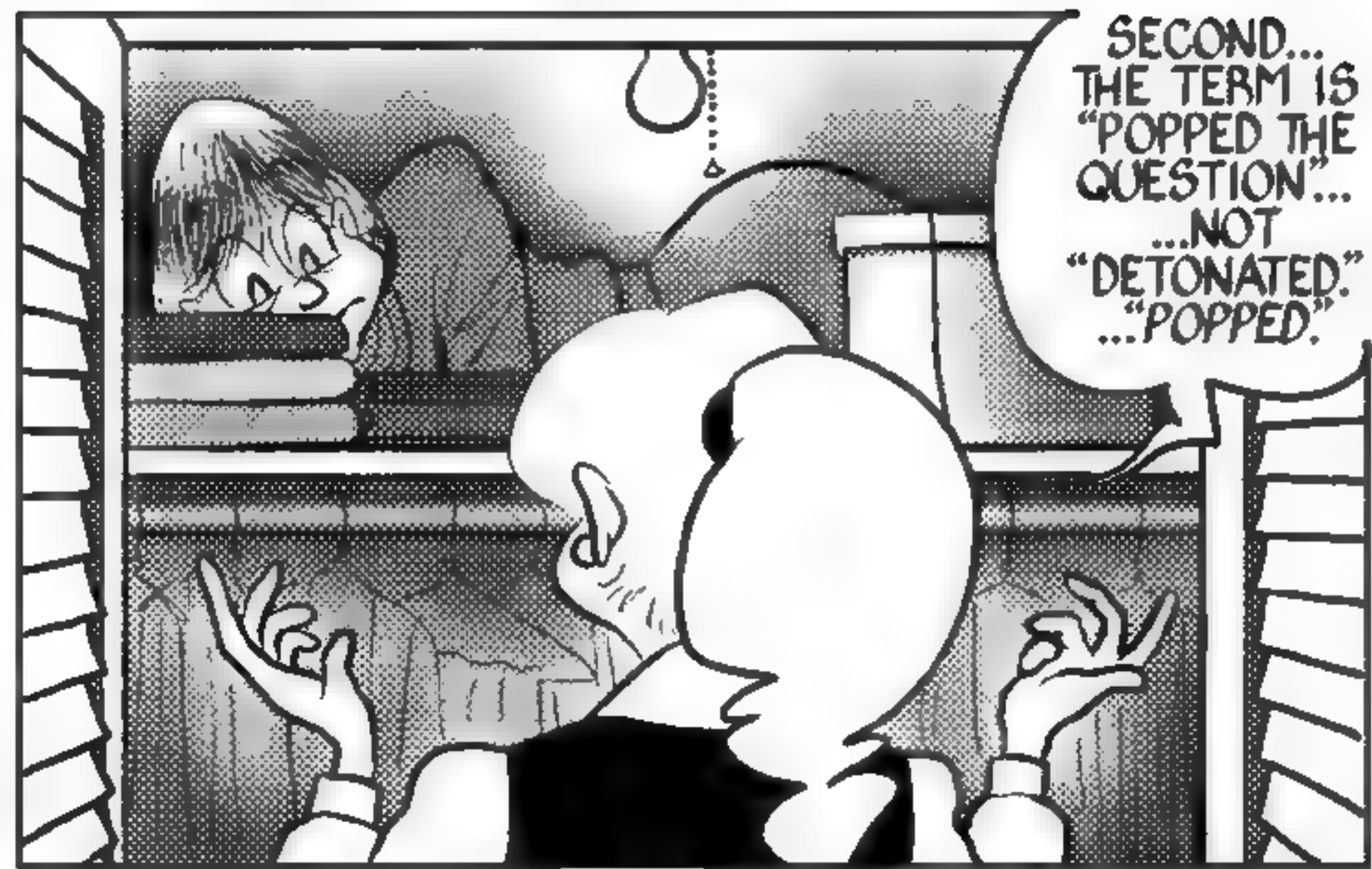
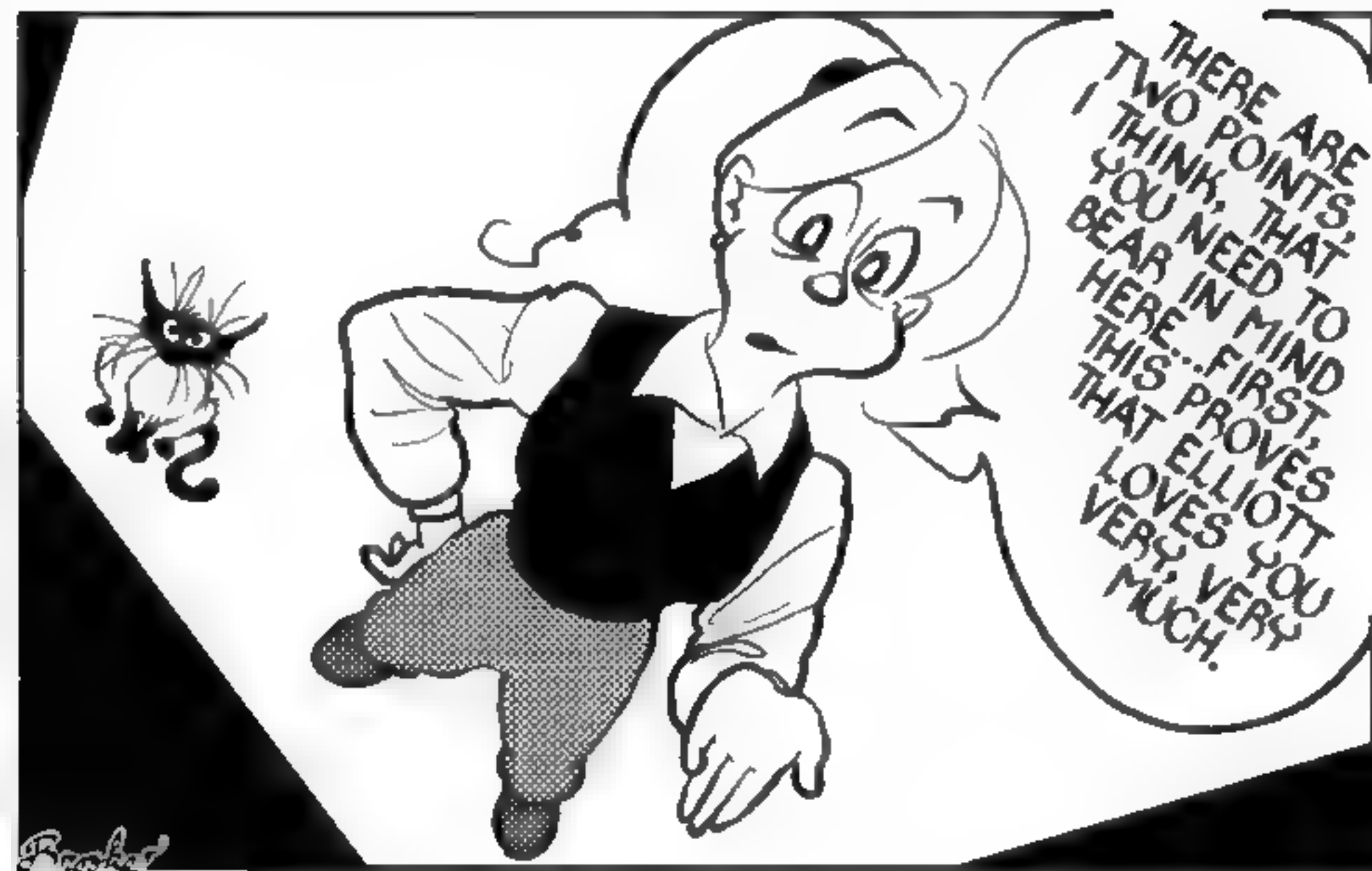
JULIETTE, I'VE BEEN
SUMMONING THE COURAGE
TO ASK YOU THIS...
...WOULD YOU
MAKE ME
THE
HAPPIEST
MAN IN
THE WORLD
AND
CONSENT
TO...

OH,
MY
LORD!

NO! NO, STOP!
HAH HAH HEE HEE
HEE...

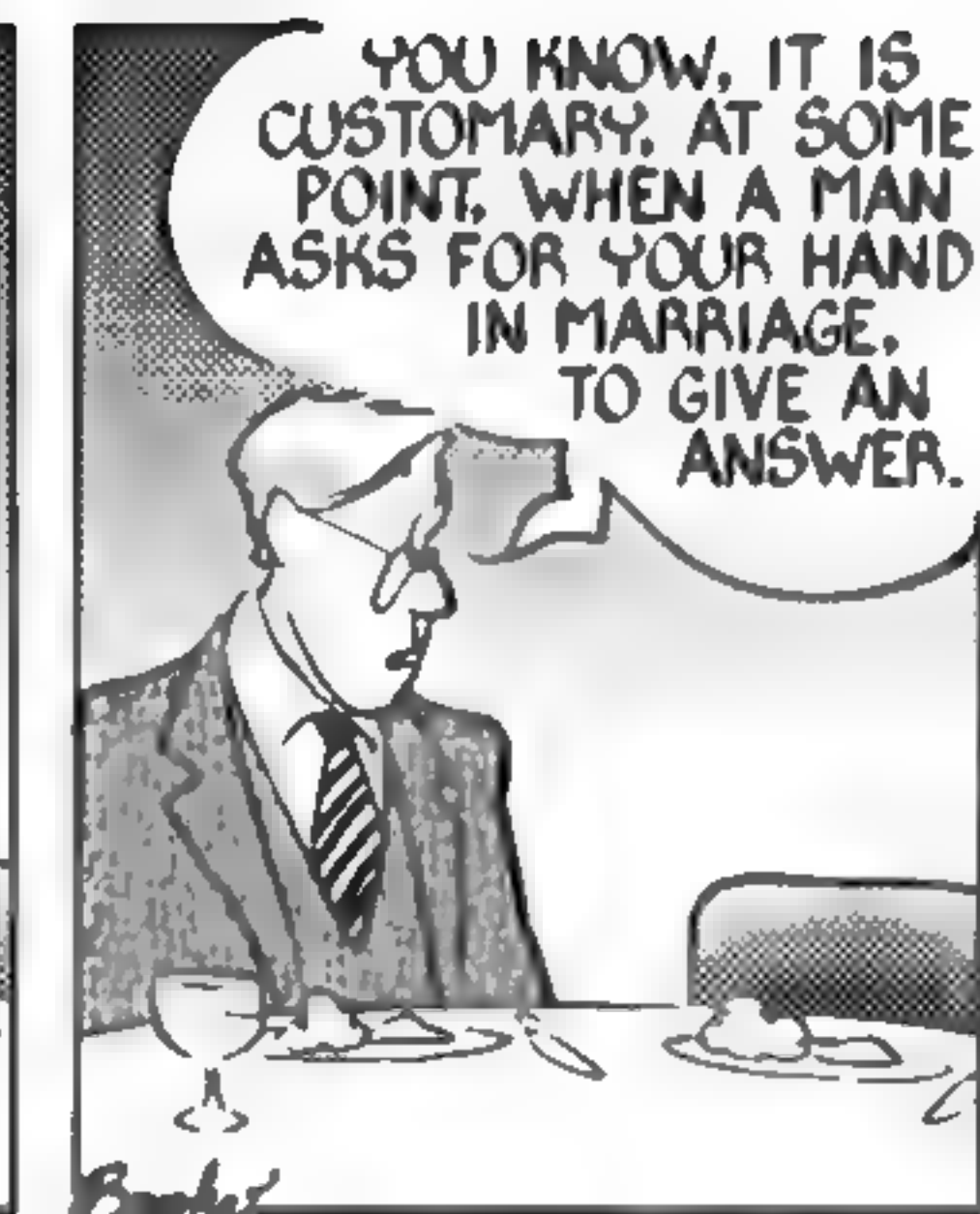
ALL THE DOORS
ARE CLOSED!...
MAYBE I CAN
LEAP THROUGH
A WINDOW!

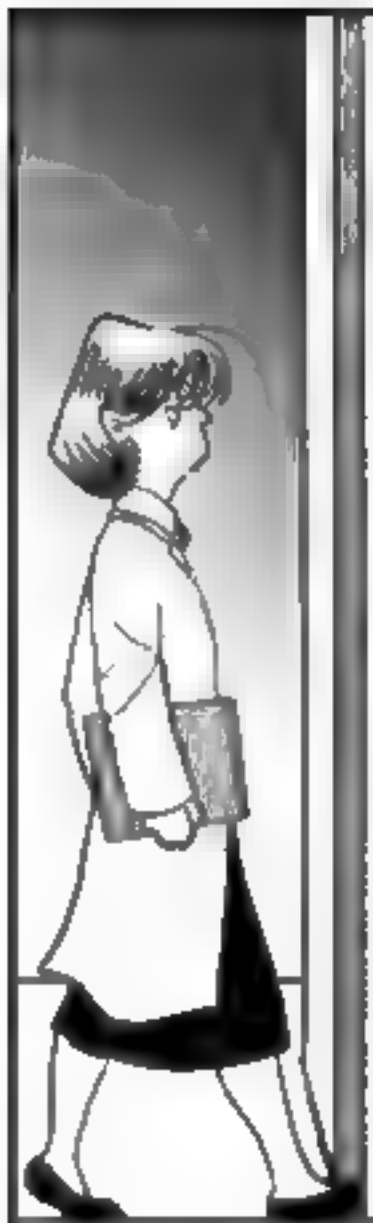
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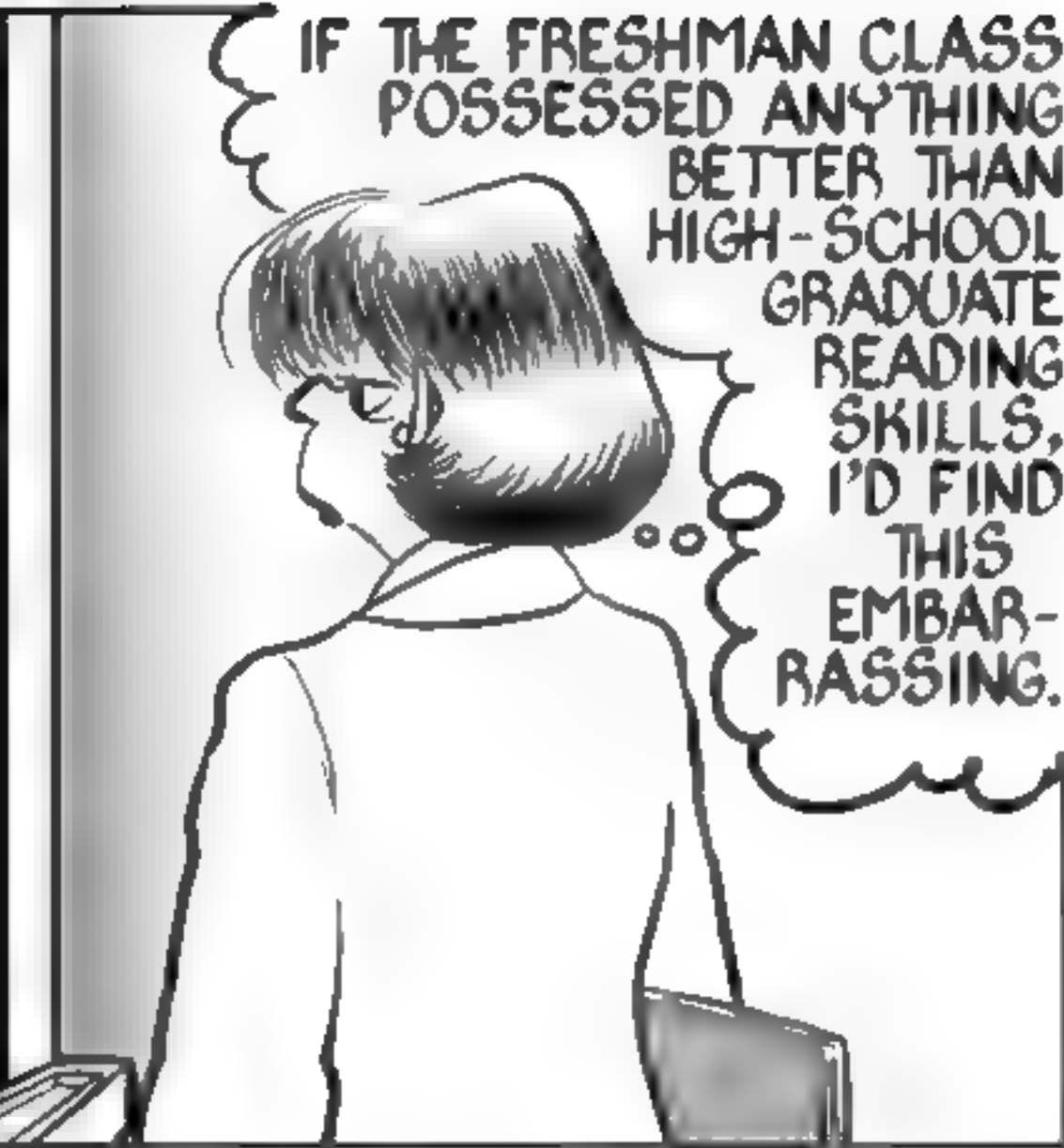
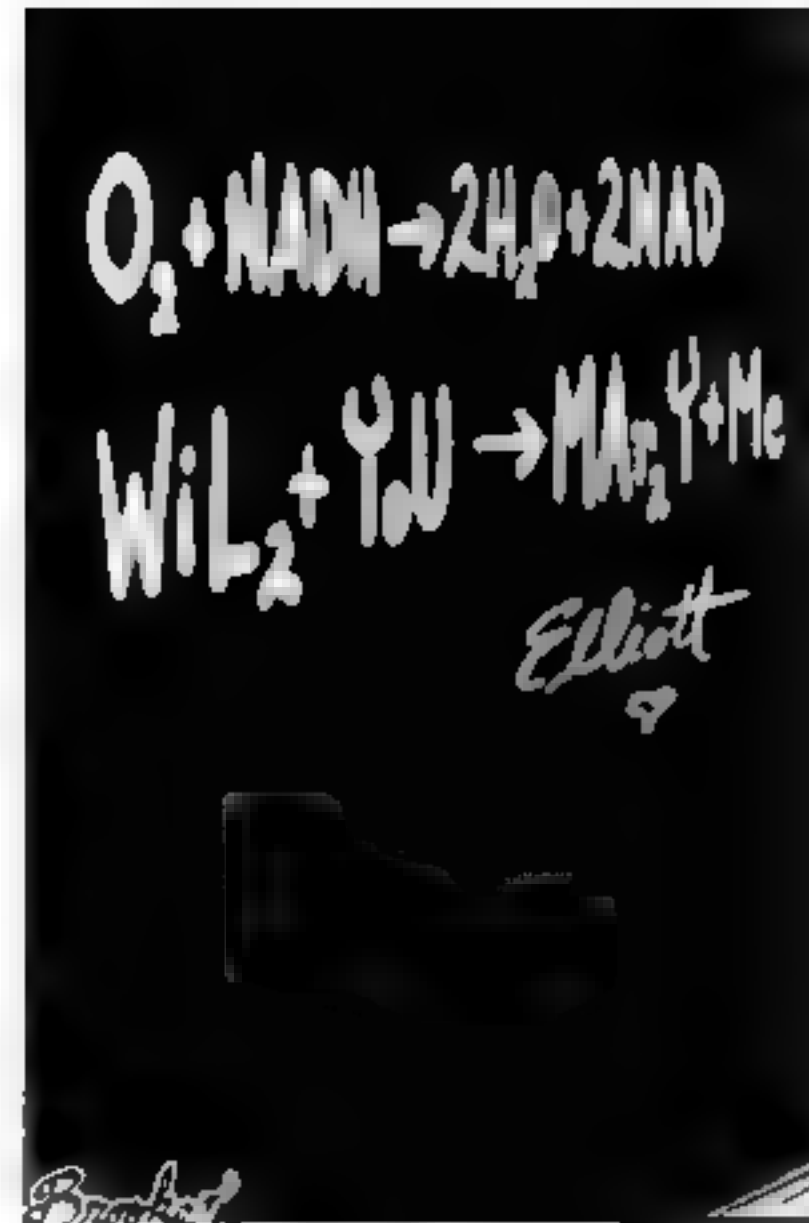


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MY FIRST MARRIAGE ENDED
IN SHAMBLES...I WAS
SCOURGED, DIS-
GRACED AND
HUMILIATED.



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I CANNOT COUNTENANCE
MARRYING AGAIN...
I'M STILL COVERED IN
EMOTIONAL
WOUNDS FROM
THE FIRST
ONE.



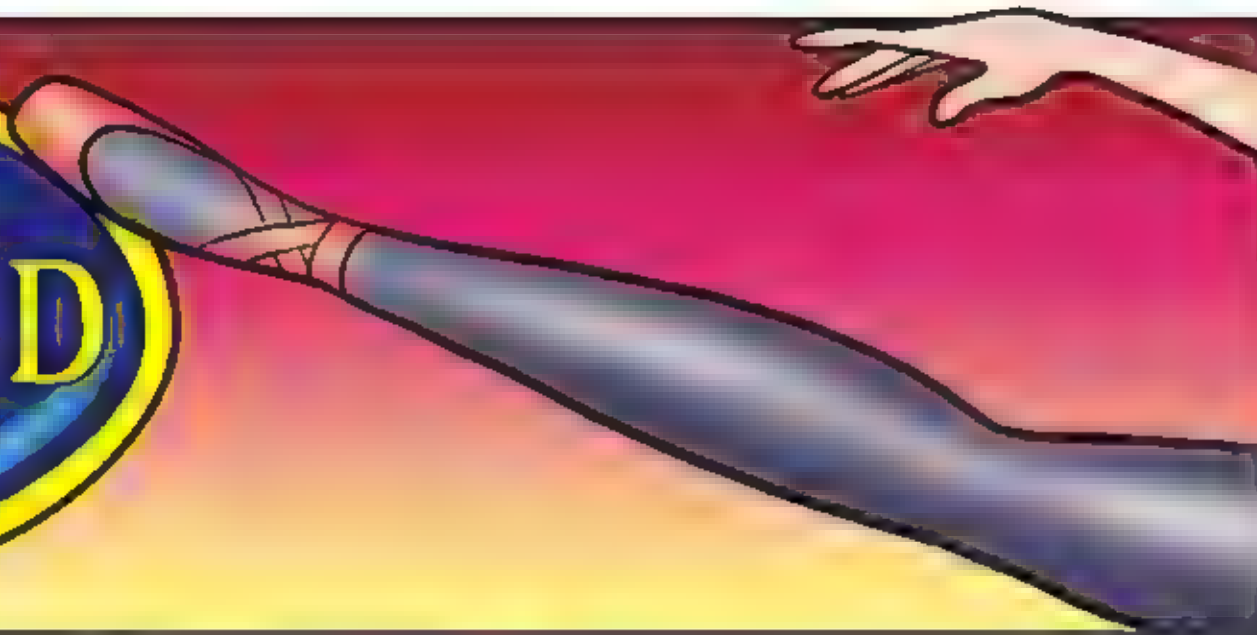
SO MY LOVE
FOR YOU HAS TO
STAY TORRID AND
FURTIVE AND
WANTON.



DON'T TINKER WITH SOME-
THING THAT CAN PRODUCE
ADJECTIVES LIKE THOSE!



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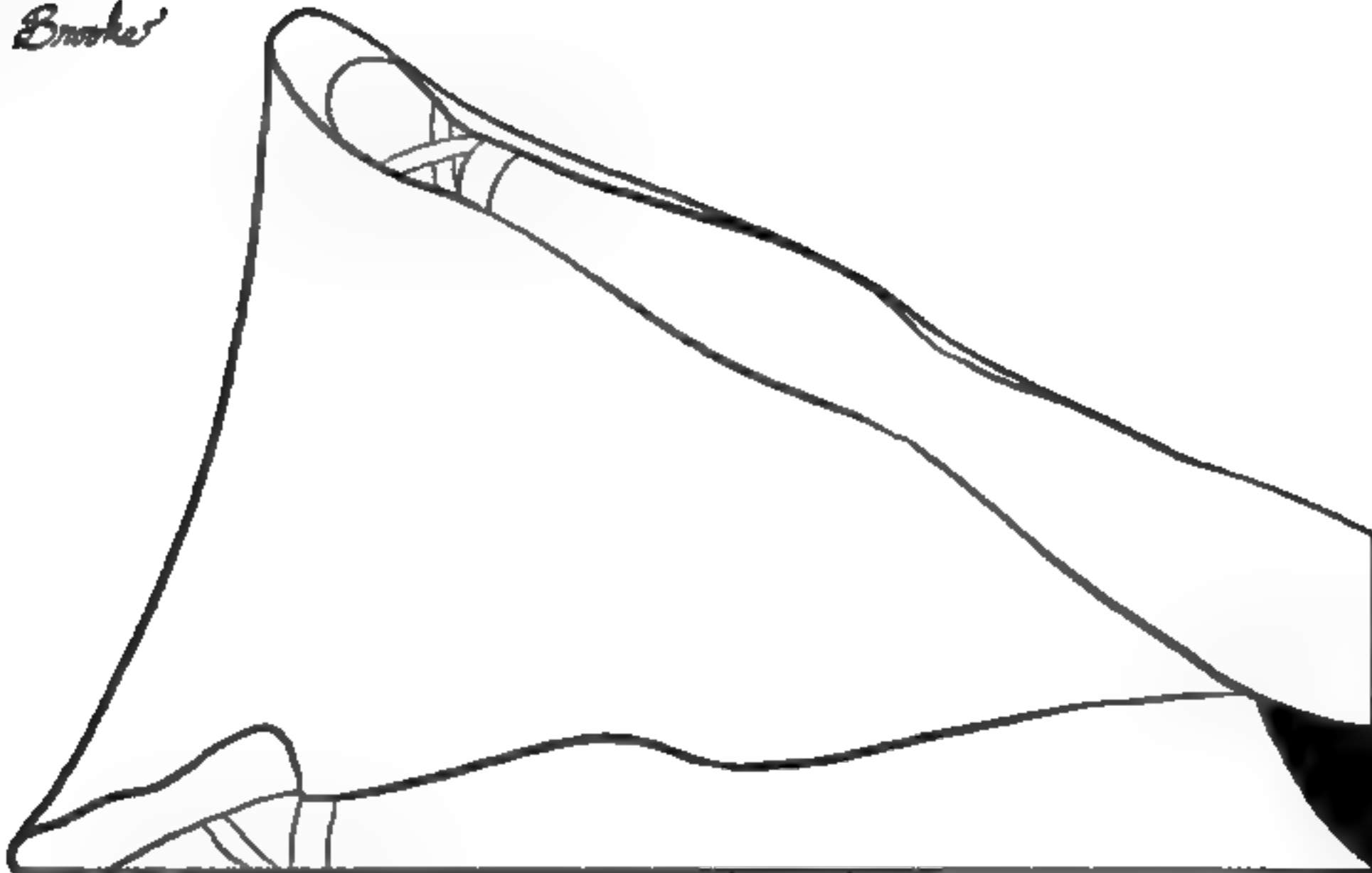


WHEN EDDA SAID SHE'D CHOREOGRAPHED A SHORT BALLET FOR PARENTS' DAY ENTITLED "WHAT ST. CAMILLA'S MEANS TO ME," I KNEW WE SHOULD BE PREVIEWING IT.

I LIKED THE SECTION CALLED "TERROR AND OBEDIENCE."



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I JUST HAD A WONDERFUL
IDEA...BEGINNING TODAY,
LET'S ESTABLISH
AN ANNUAL,
WEEKLONG
"GUILT FESTIVAL"
AT OUR
HOUSE!



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LOOK, MOTHER, IF YOU
WANT TO MAKE ME FEEL
GUILTY, YOU'RE GOING TO
HAVE TO DO MORE
THAN JUST STARE
AT ME.



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OKAY...
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.

WELL, ELLIOTT AND I
FINALLY COMPROMISED ON
HIS PROPOSAL OF
MARRIAGE.

WHAT DOES
THAT ENTAIL
EXACTLY?

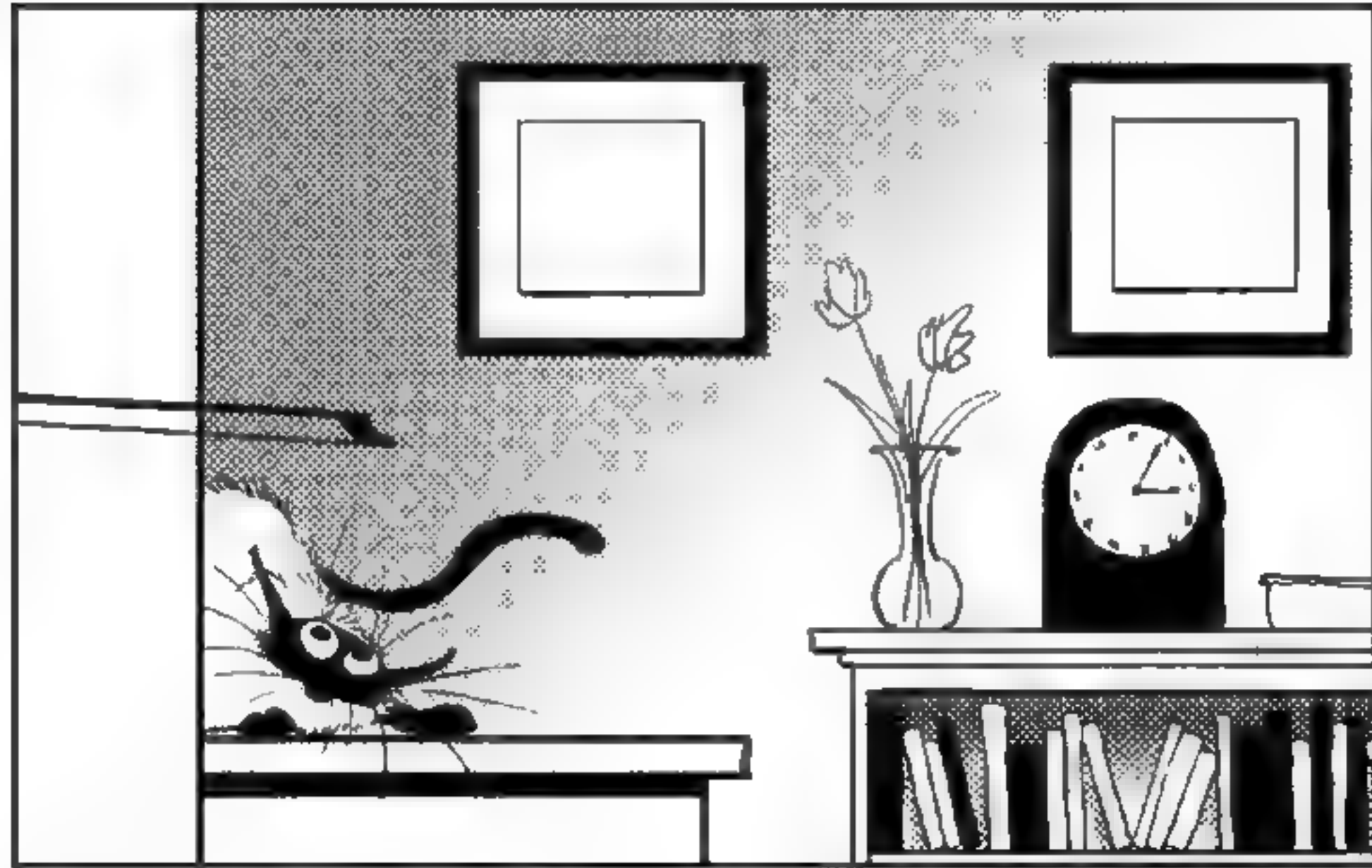
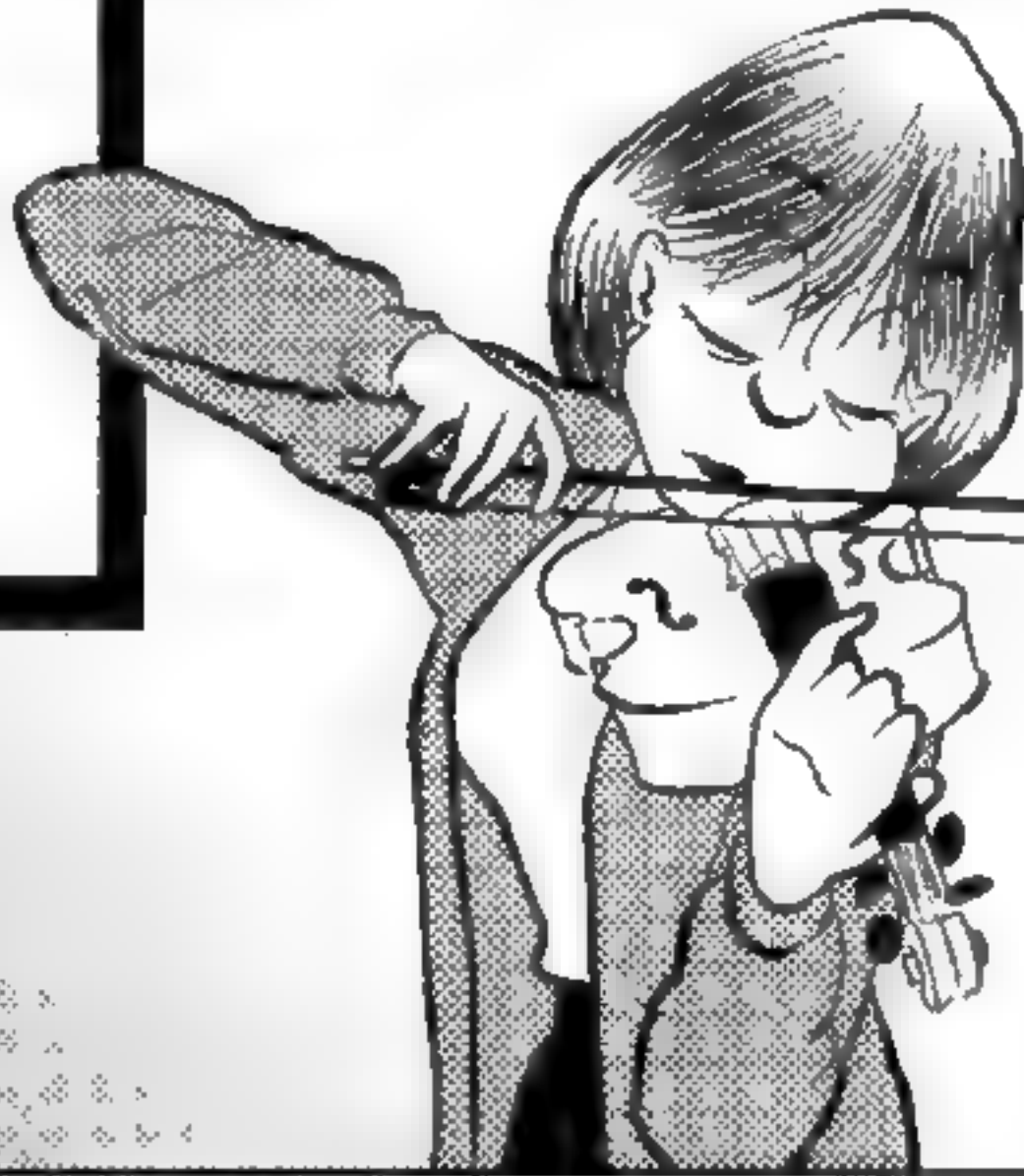
YOU'LL FIND IT
OUTLINED ON
PAGE 2 OF
THIS PRE-
GOING STEADY
AGREE-
MENT.

Mmm...
NOTARIZED
AT THE MALT
SHOP.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
ELLIOTT HAS GOT
TO LOVE YOU VERY,
VERY MUCH.

THAT'S DETAILED ON PAGE
13, PARAGRAPH 9...
DEFINITIONS AND
OBLIGATIONS.

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9 CHICKWEED LANE

®



...SUPERLATIVE GIRL'S HERO WEAR FEATURES A PLUNGING, CROSS-THE-HEART NECKLINE ACCENTED WITH A GREEN BELT AND POLISHED GOLD BUCKLE. SEAMLESS LONG SLEEVES ACT AS A COUNTERPOINT TO THE DEEP, V-SHAPED BACK. AND HIGH LEG HOLES PROVIDE THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT HEROES SO SORELY NEED.

INSPIRED BY CLASSIC COMIC BOOK COUTURE...

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BOOTS OF MATCHING IRIDESCENT SPANDEX FINISH THE...

EXCUSE ME, BUT THIS HAS TO BE THE MOST BORING SAGA I'VE EVER HEARD.

OH, ALL RIGHT.

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WITH ONE SHOT, THIS DISRUPTER CANNON WILL IMPALE YOUR BODY WITH THOUSANDS OF RADIO-ACTIVE NEEDLES!

YOU'LL BE BEGGING FOR YOUR OWN DEATH.

FIRE AWAY... WILL POINT BLANK DO?

(WOW.)

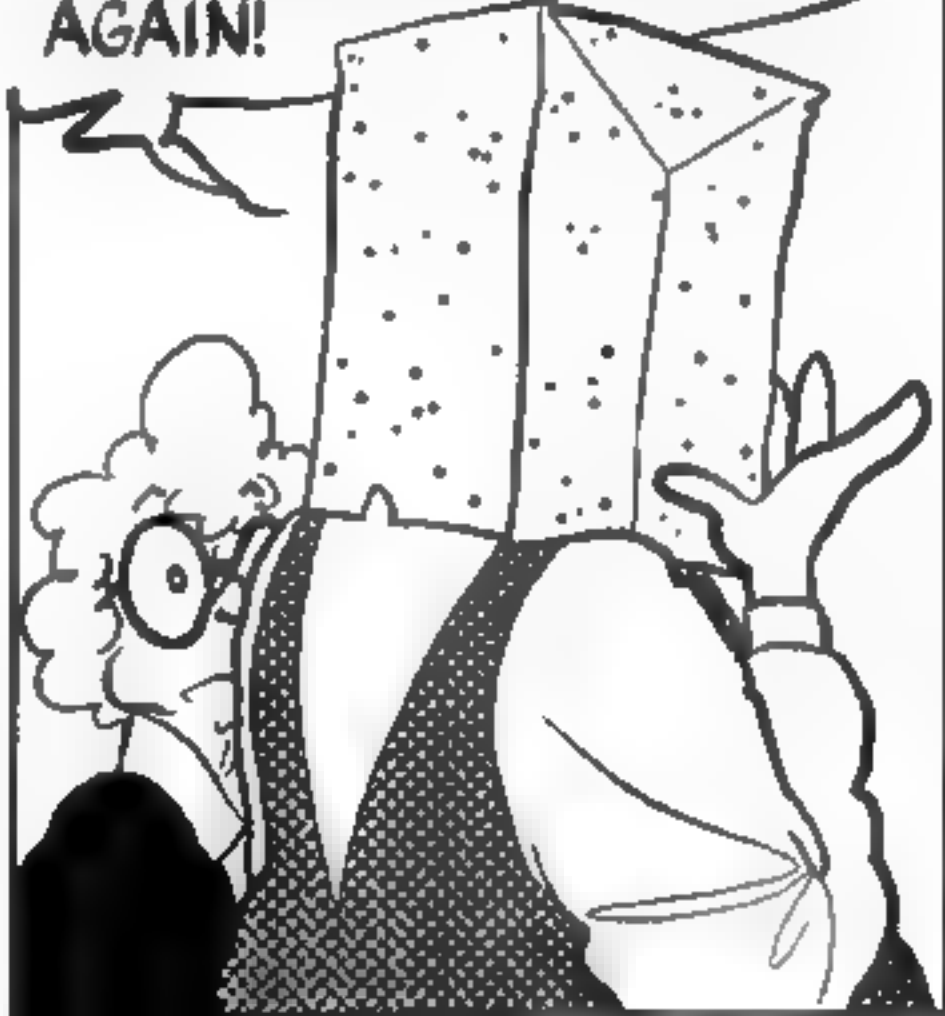
NUF SED... NOW, GETTING BACK TO INSEAMS...

WHENEVER I GET LONELY
FOR THE LIMITLESS REACHES
OF INTERSTELLAR TRAVEL,
I STICK A LOT OF PIN
PRICKS INTO A
SHOPPING
BAG...

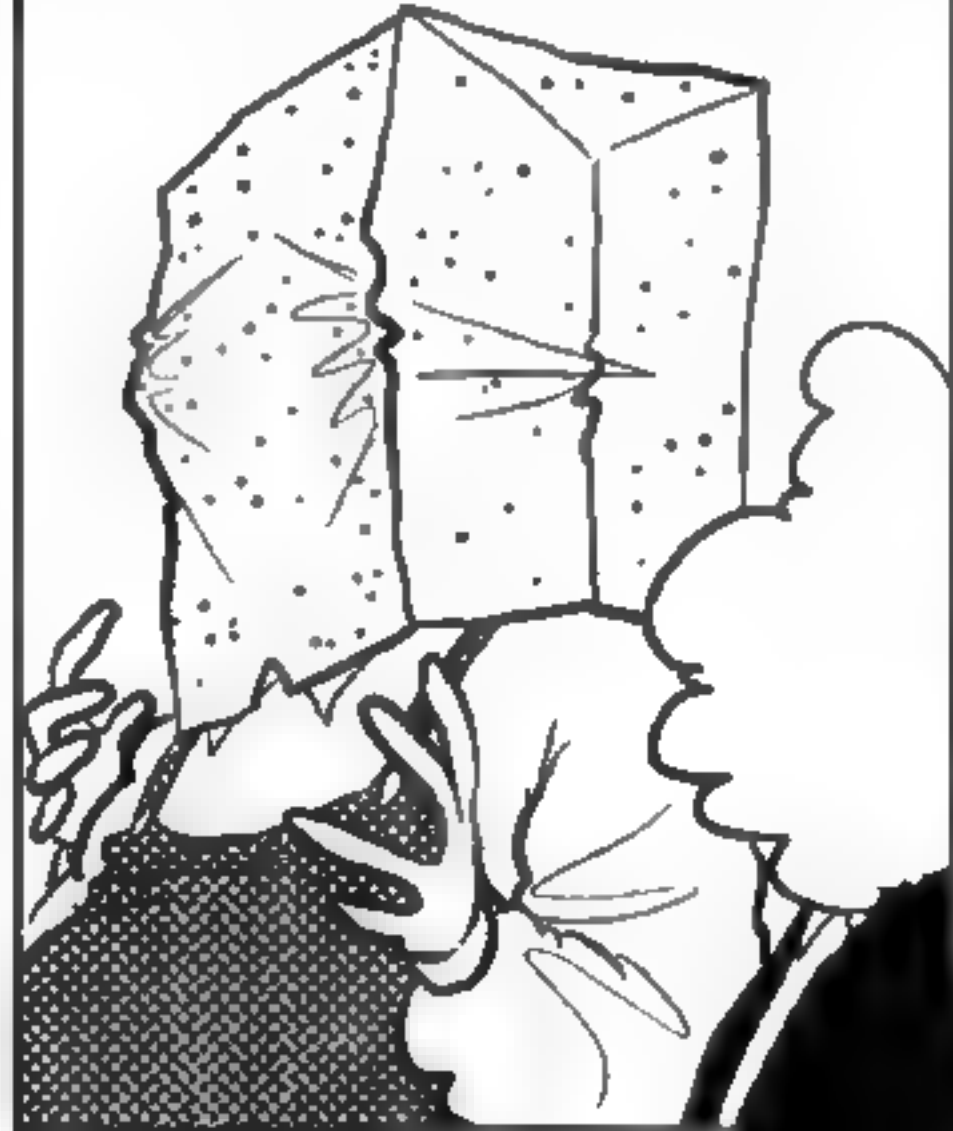


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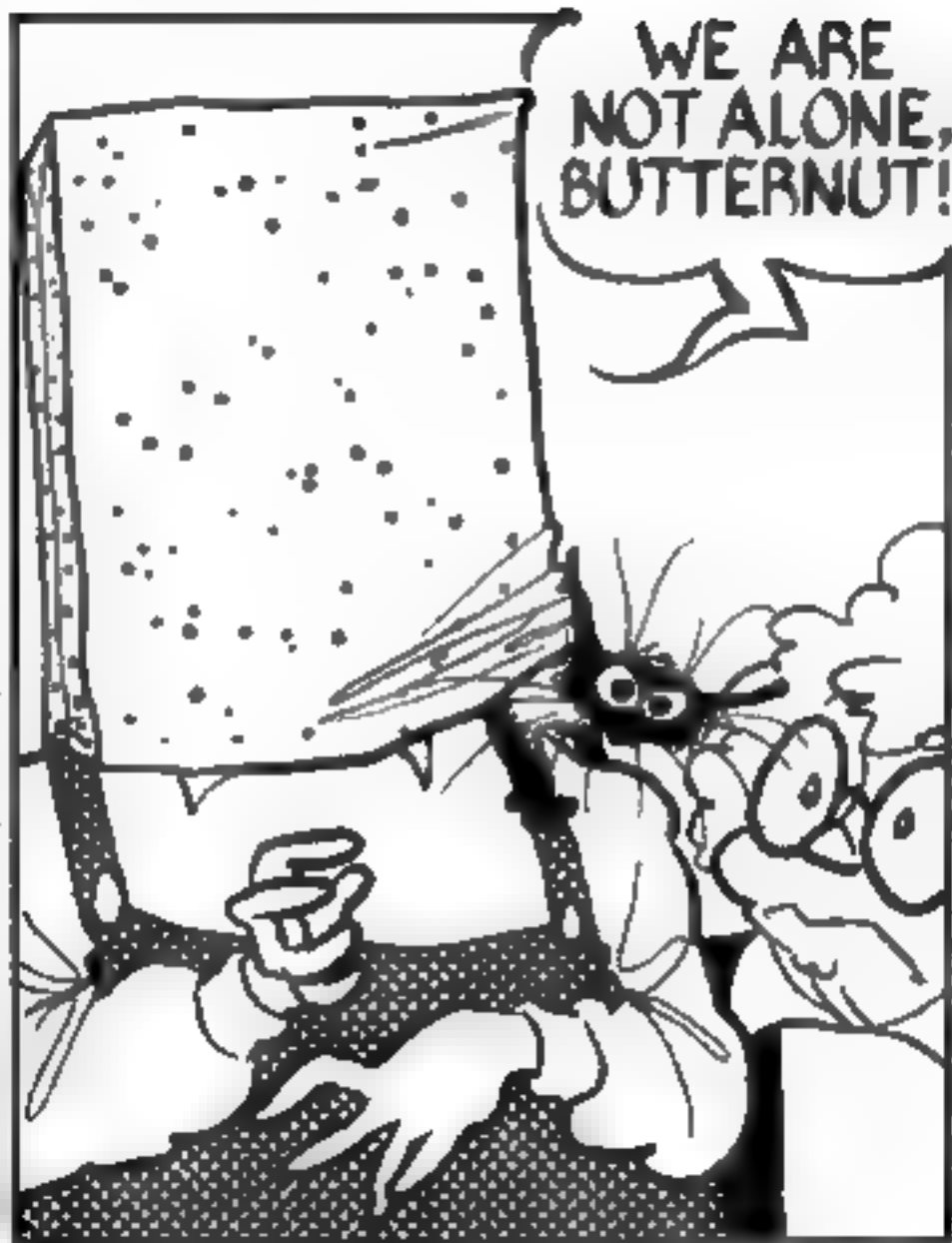
...PLACE IT OVER MY HEAD,
AND SUDDENLY I'M A
CITIZEN OF THE COSMOS
AGAIN!



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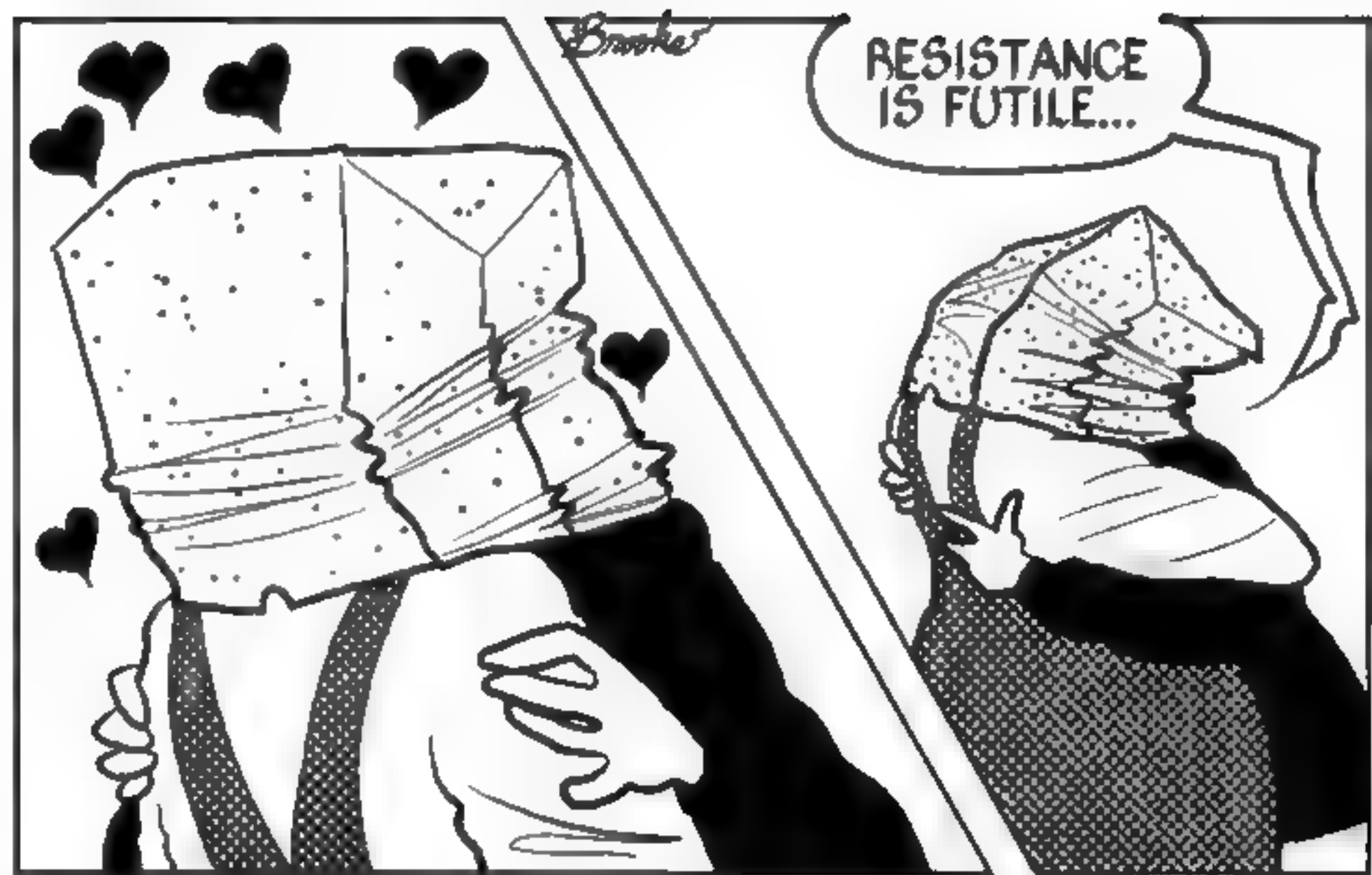
WE ARE
NOT ALONE,
BUTTERNUT!

IN MY PERFORATED COSMIC
SHOPPING BAG, I'M ONCE
AGAIN TOOLING THE GALAXY,
SEEING SIGHTS ONLY SPACE
TRAVELERS CAN KNOW!



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EGAD! I'M BEING BOARDED!
RED ALERT!
RED ALERT!
MAYDAY!



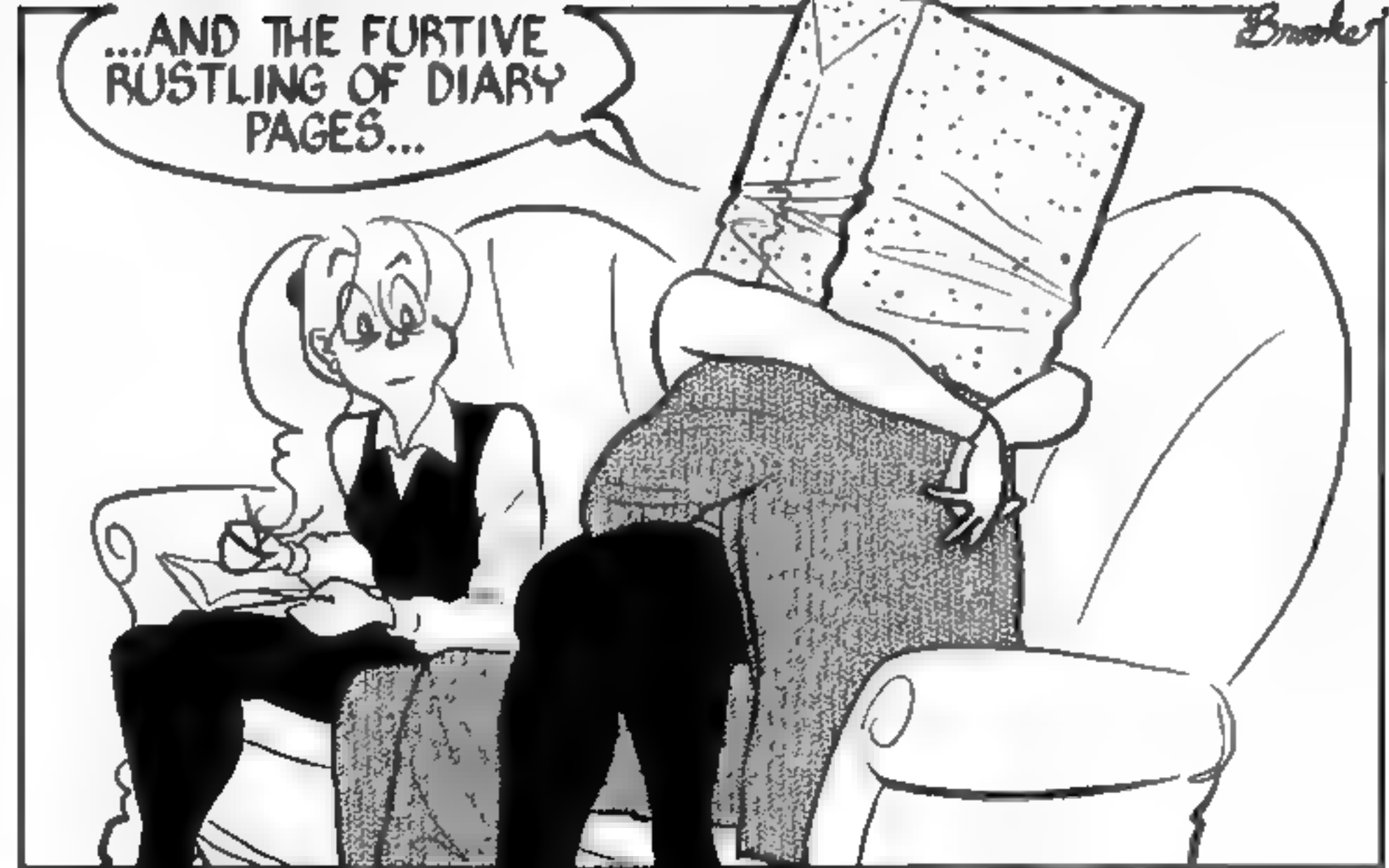
RESISTANCE
IS FUTILE...

COME ON, I SAW MOTHER
AND THORAX DOING IT, AND
IT SEEMED FUN AND KIND
OF ROMANTIC.

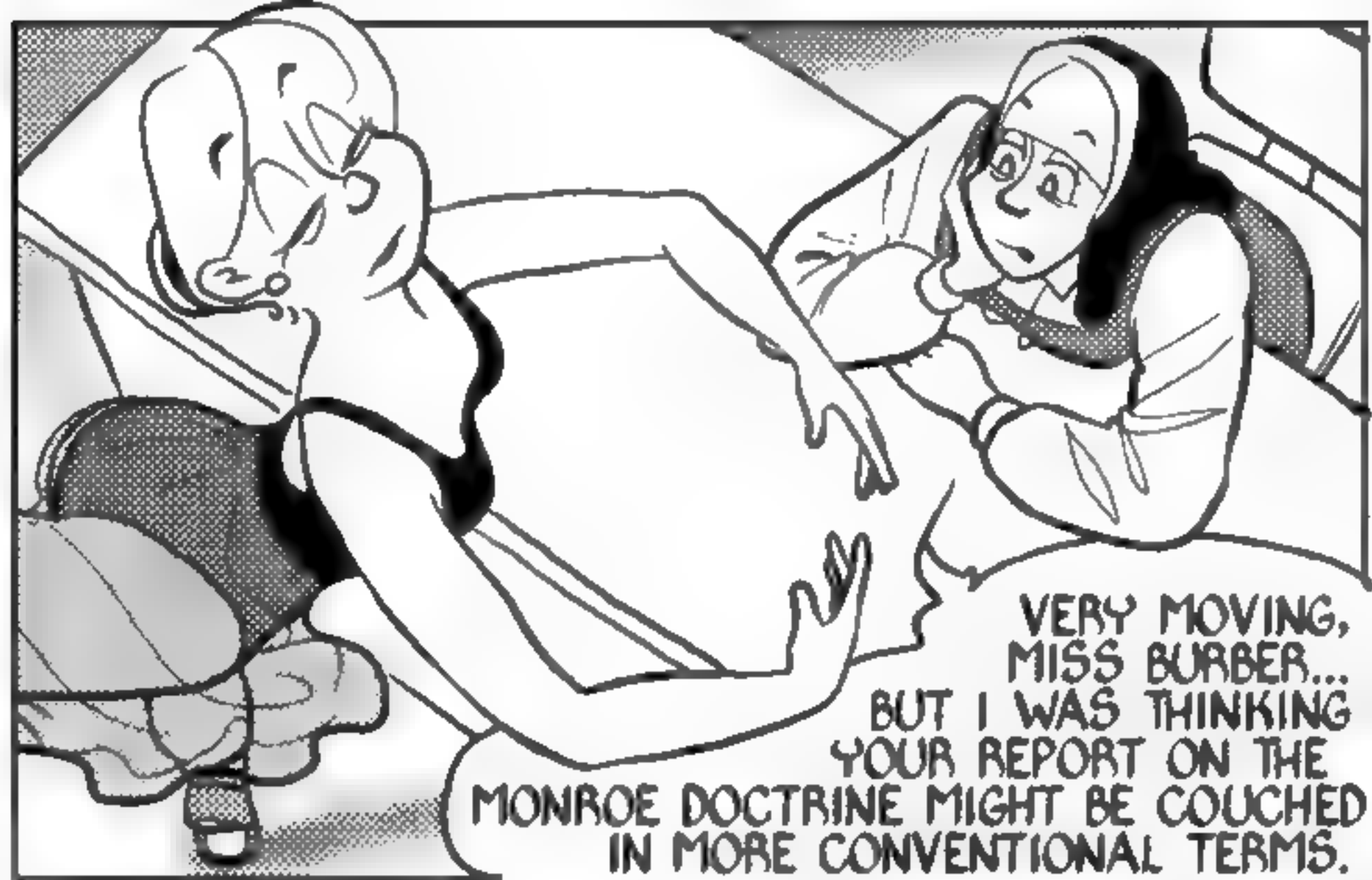


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SEE...ALL THE LITTLE PIN
HOLES LOOK LIKE STARS...
AND IT'S JUST YOU AND ME
AND A CLEAR, ROMANTIC
NIGHT...



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I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY
NEWSPAPERS WASTE SPACE
ON COMICS...THEY'RE
FRIVOLOUS AND JUST
POKE FUN AT THINGS!



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NEVERTHELESS, THIS
ENTRENCHED ATTITUDE
CAN BE REVERSED...
...TO EVERY AMERICAN,
EUROPEAN-NESS CONFERS
RESPECTABILITY...



THEREFORE...

GRAN, IN BELGIUM,
CARTOONING IS
CONSIDERED A
HIGH ART FORM.



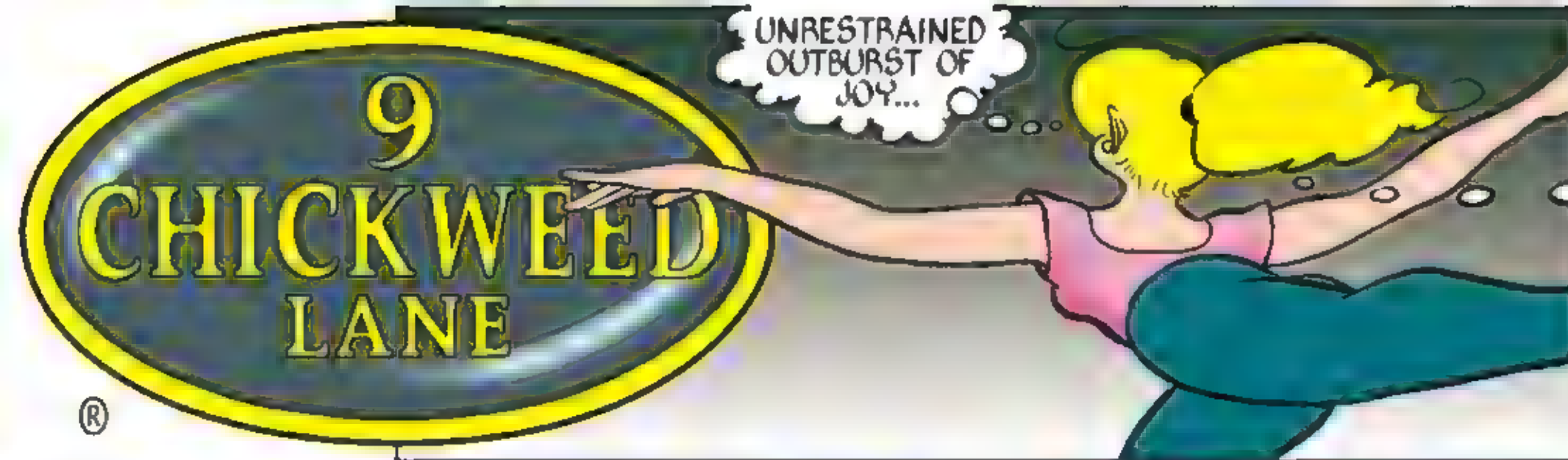
REALLY?
WELL THEN,
THAT'S
DIFFERENT.

MOTHER,
WHEN I
WAS IN
BELGIUM,
I WAS
VERY
WELL-
LIKED.

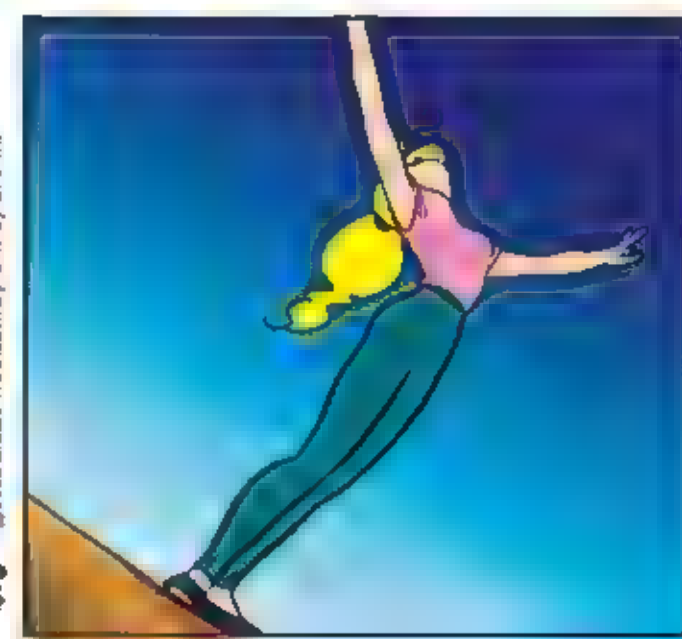


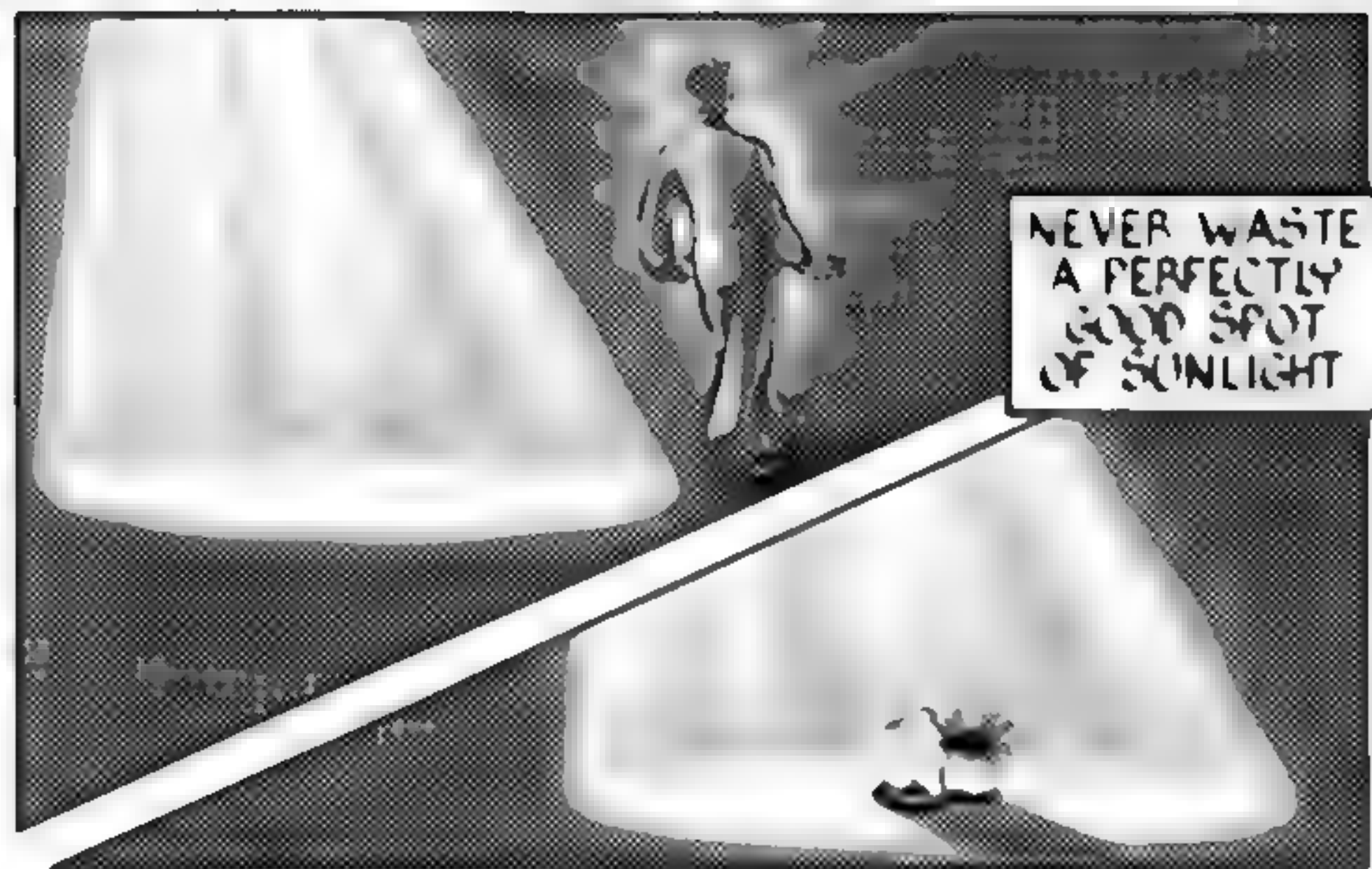
OH, LORD!
I'M ACTUALLY
TRYING TO
RAISE MYSELF
IN HER ESTEEM
TO THE LEVEL
OF OLIVE OYL!

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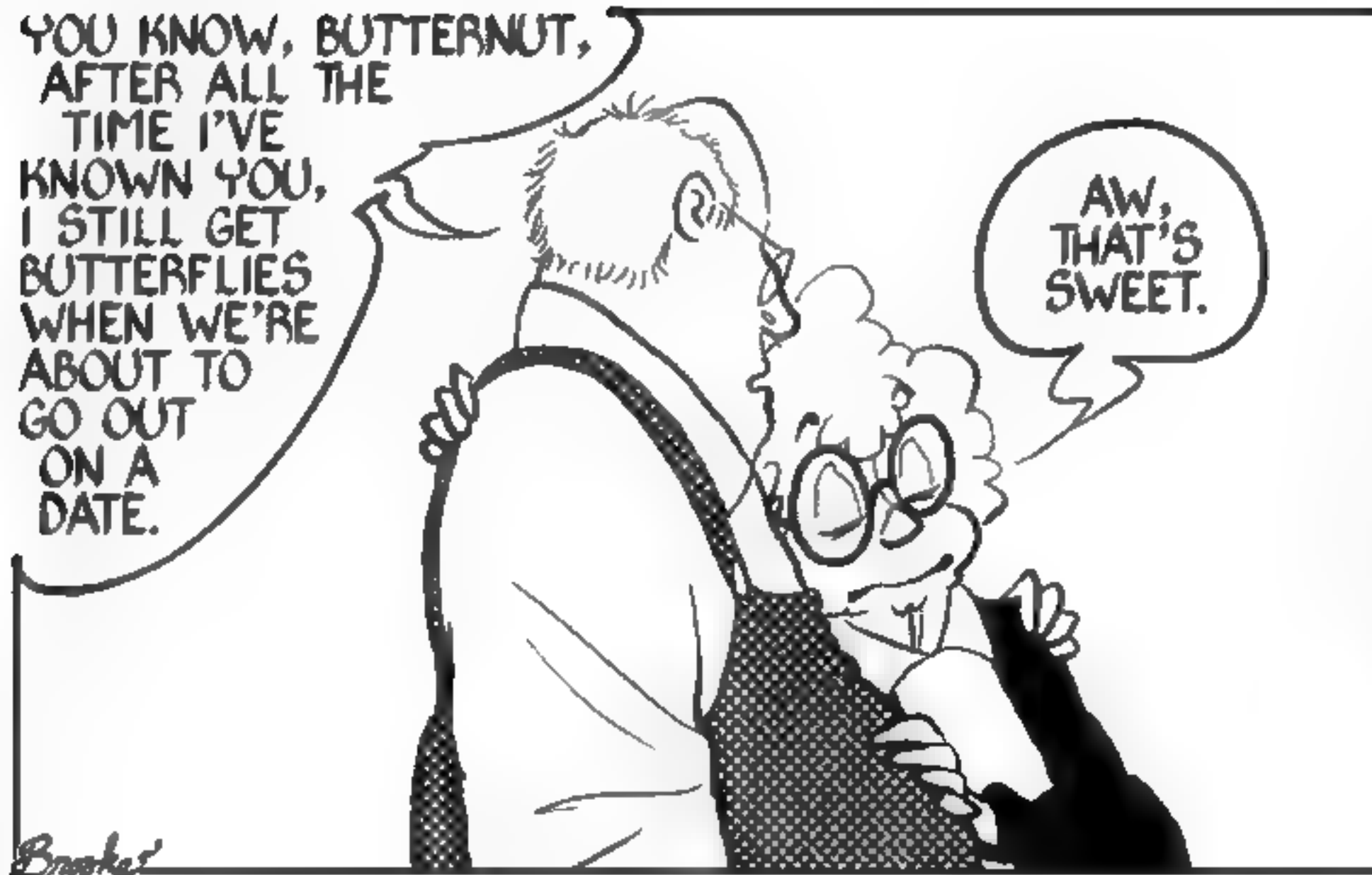


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AS A SENIOR CITIZEN,
I HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT
TO BE FLINTY AND
OUTSPOKEN!

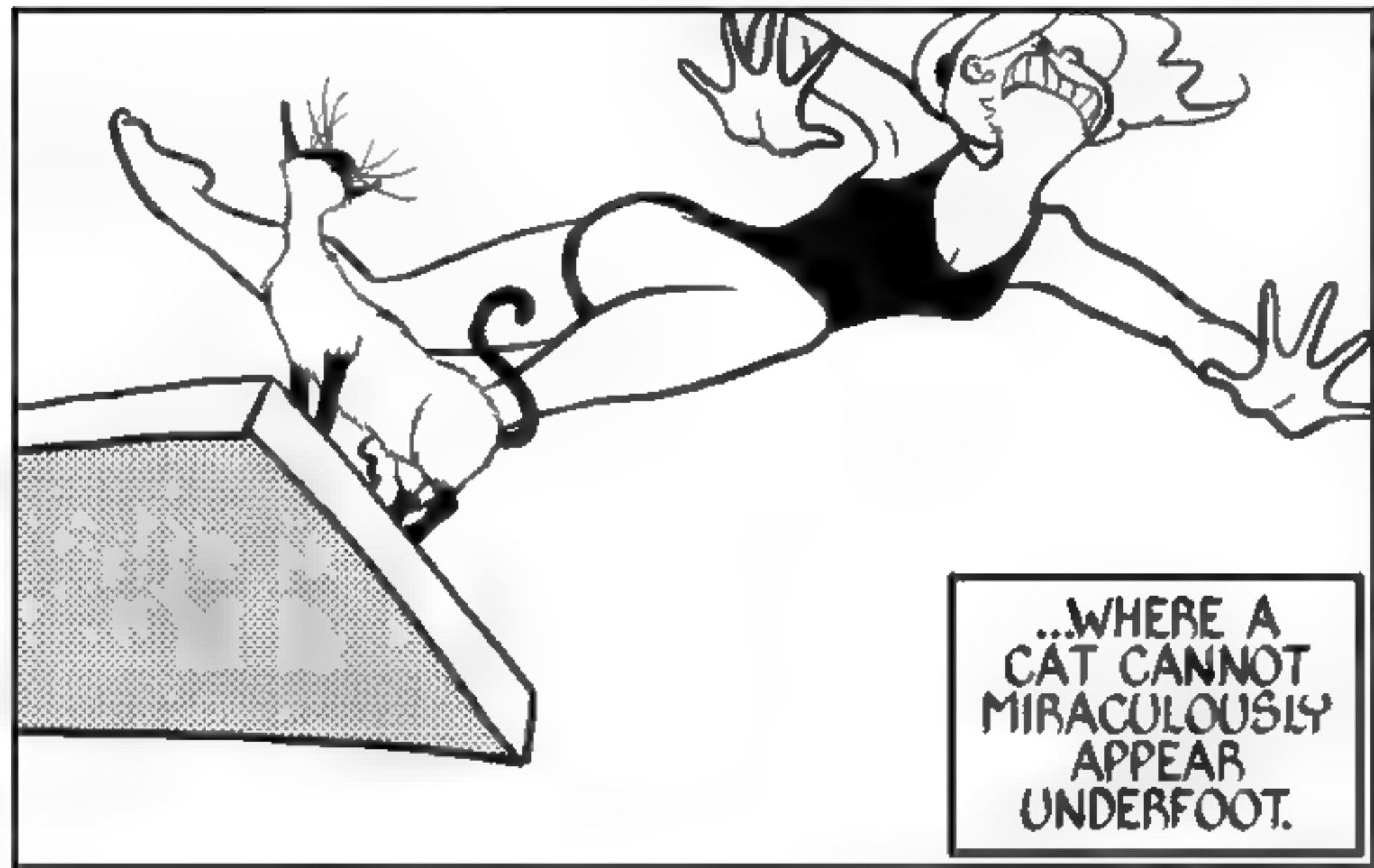
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...AND I'D APPRECIATE IT
IF YOU'D QUIT CUDDLING
ME...IT'S BREAKING
MY STRIDE.

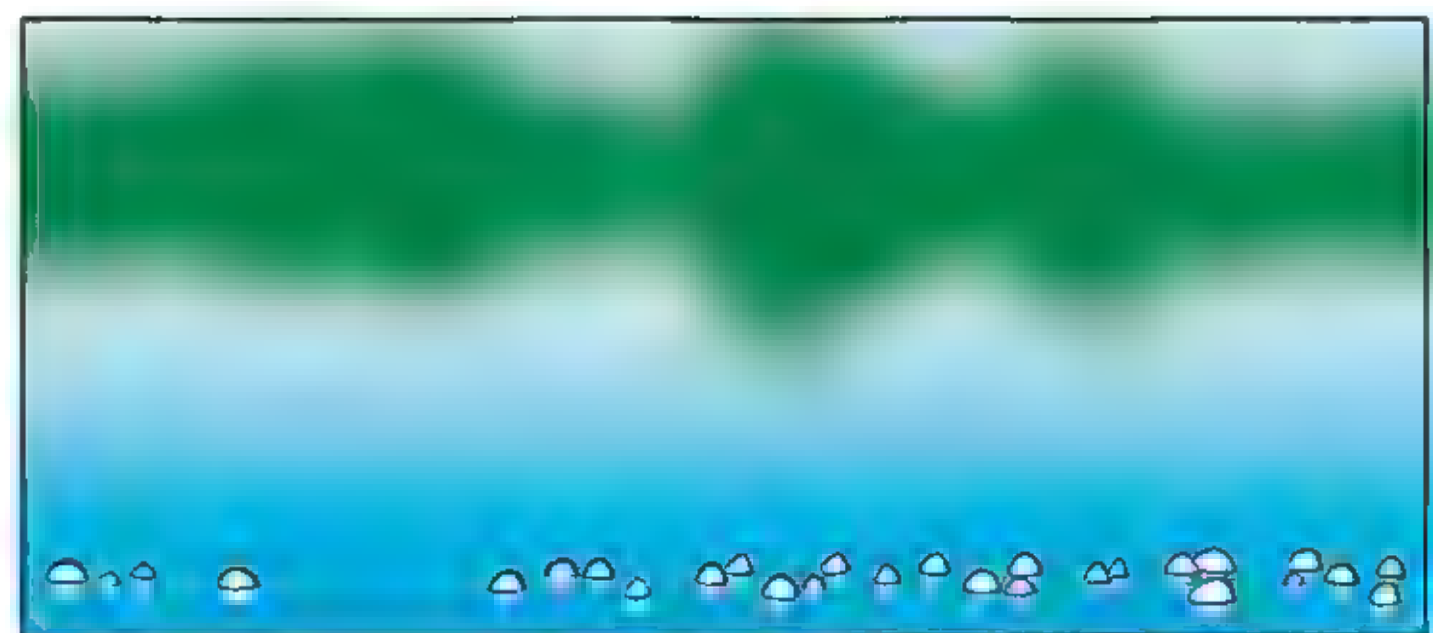
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THERE IS NO
PLACE ON
EARTH...

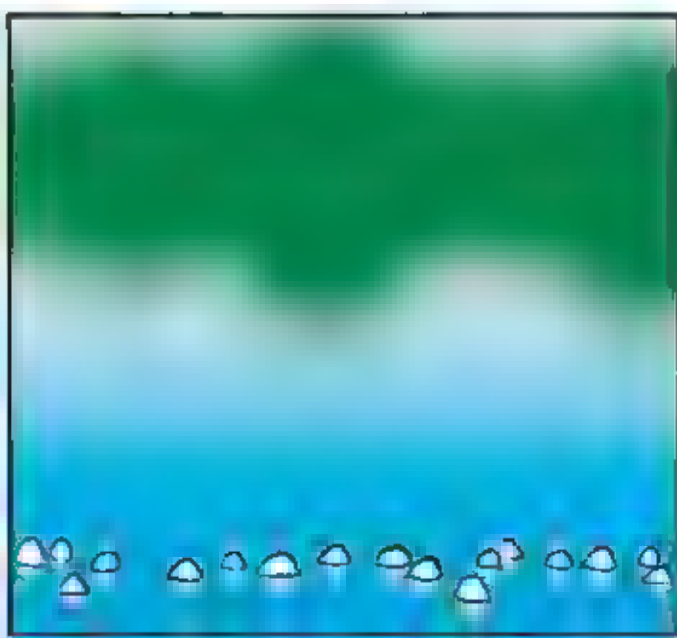
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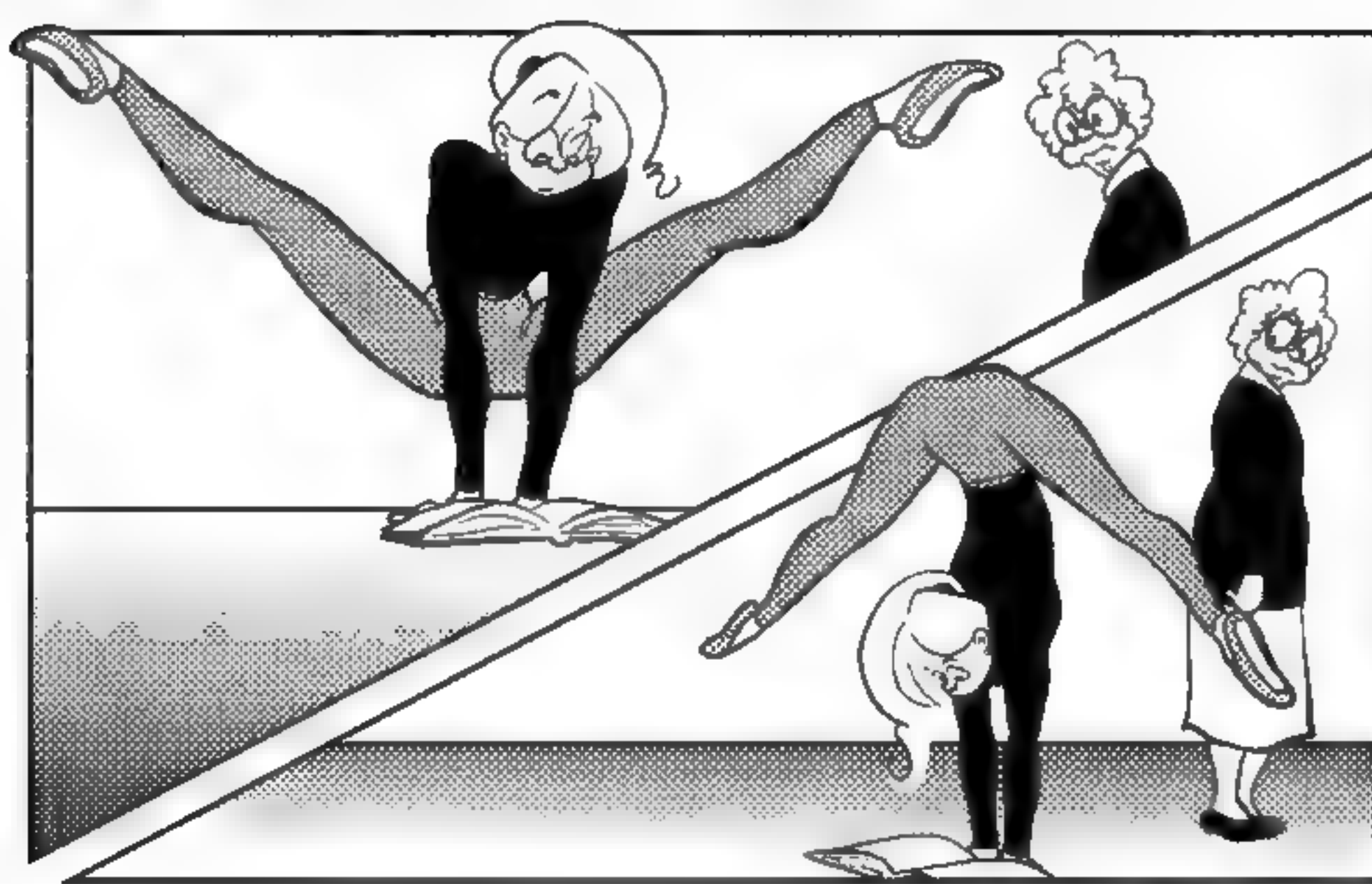


...WHERE A
CAT CANNOT
MIRACULOUSLY
APPEAR
UNDERFOOT.



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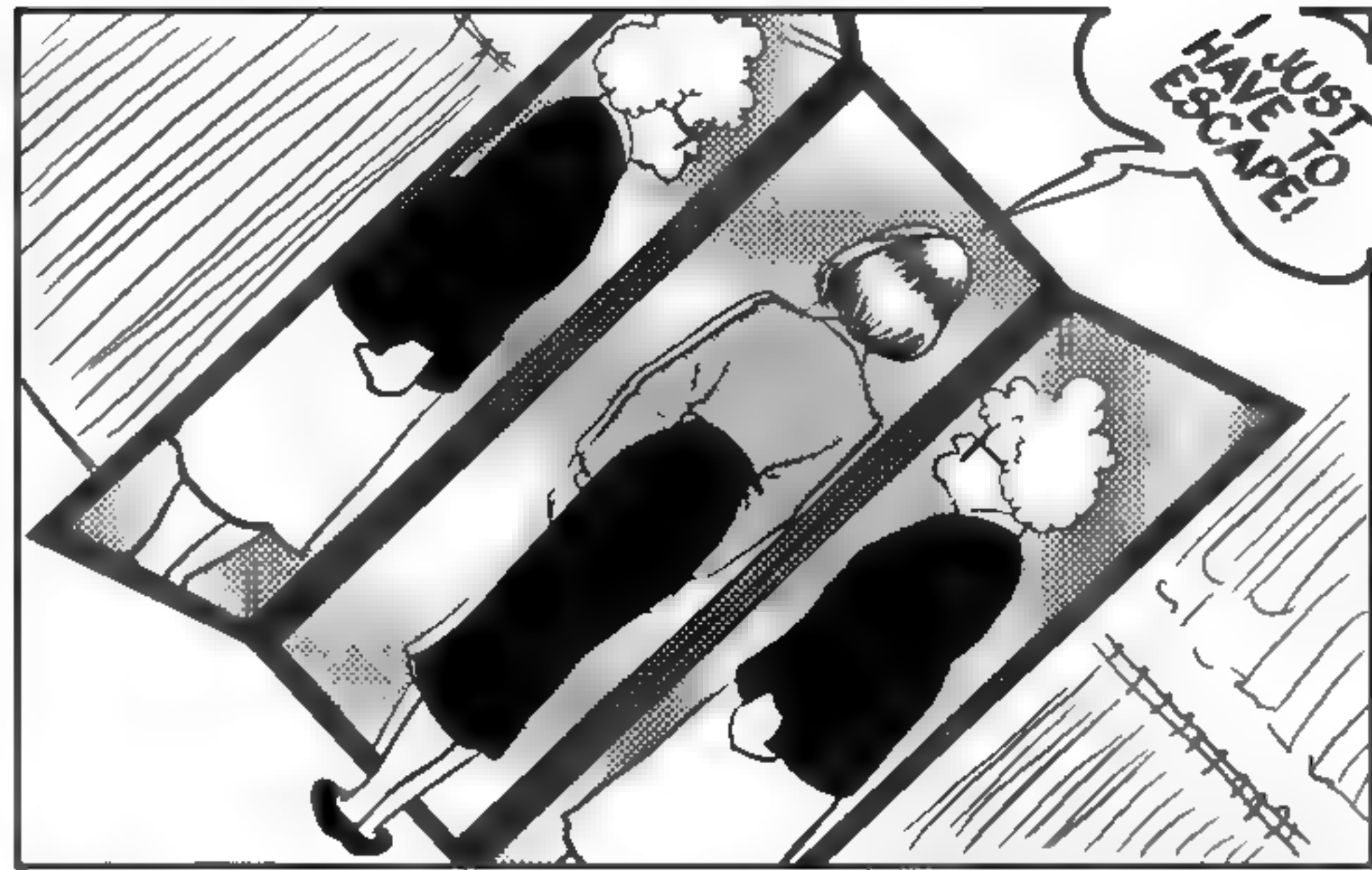




ONE MINUTE YOU WANT TO
ACCOMPANY ME TO THE MEN'S
STORE, THE NEXT YOU'RE
COMPLAINING
ABOUT IT.

YOU WOULDN'T
UNDERSTAND...

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NO, THORAX, I AM NOT,
NOR HAVE I EVER
BEEN, UNDER
WARRANTY.

AND I'LL THANK YOU
TO STOP LOOKING
SURPRISED.



Dear Rose,

Before I begin my notes, I should
my handwriting gets especially
considered, and may be
all over

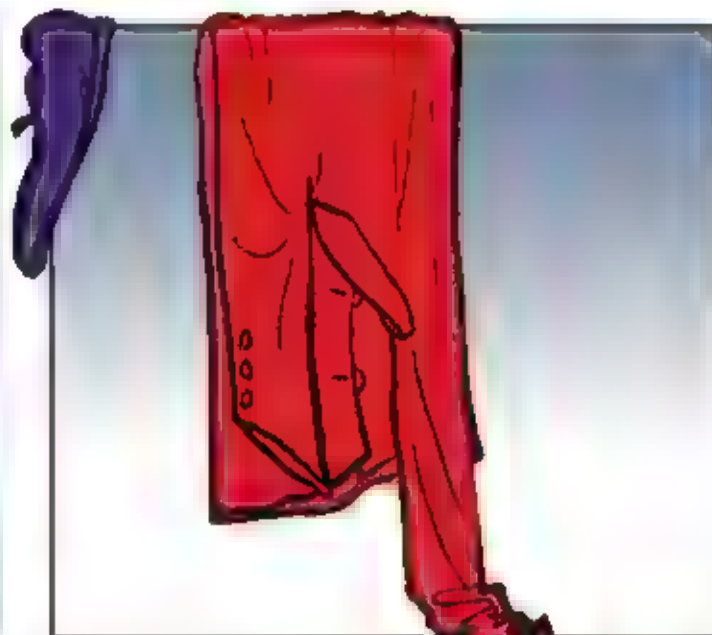
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Let you know that I
in the pink of health
attributed to

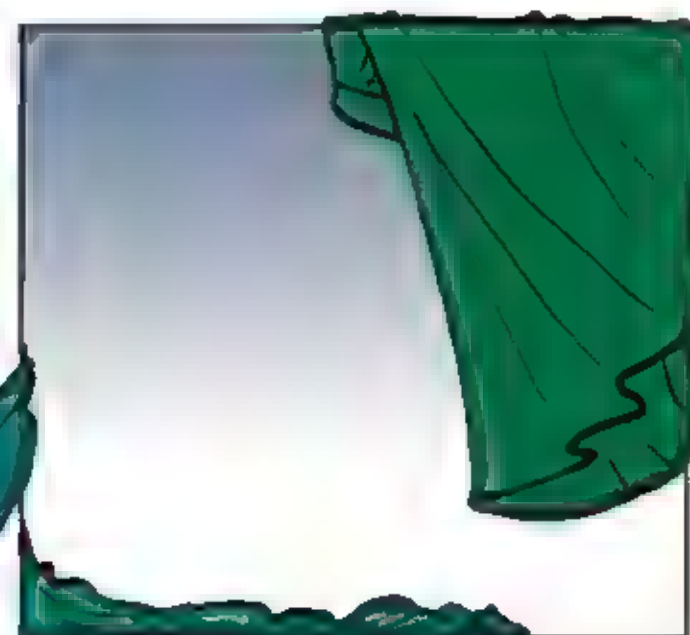
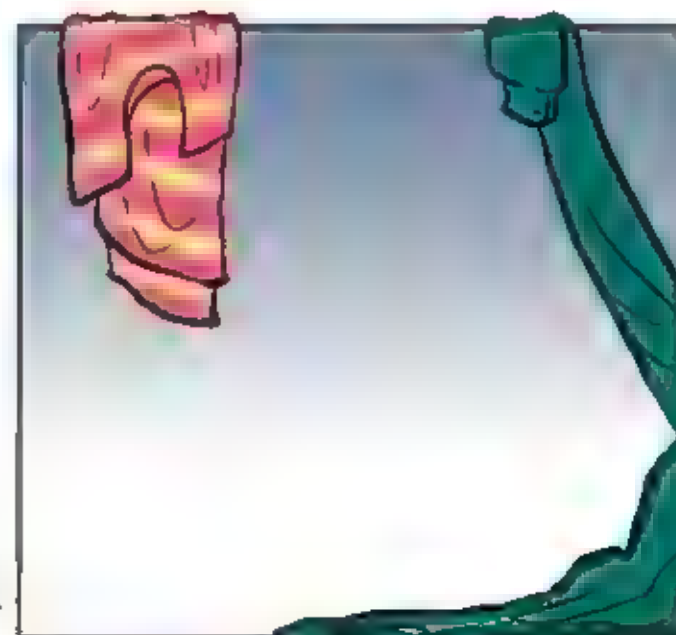
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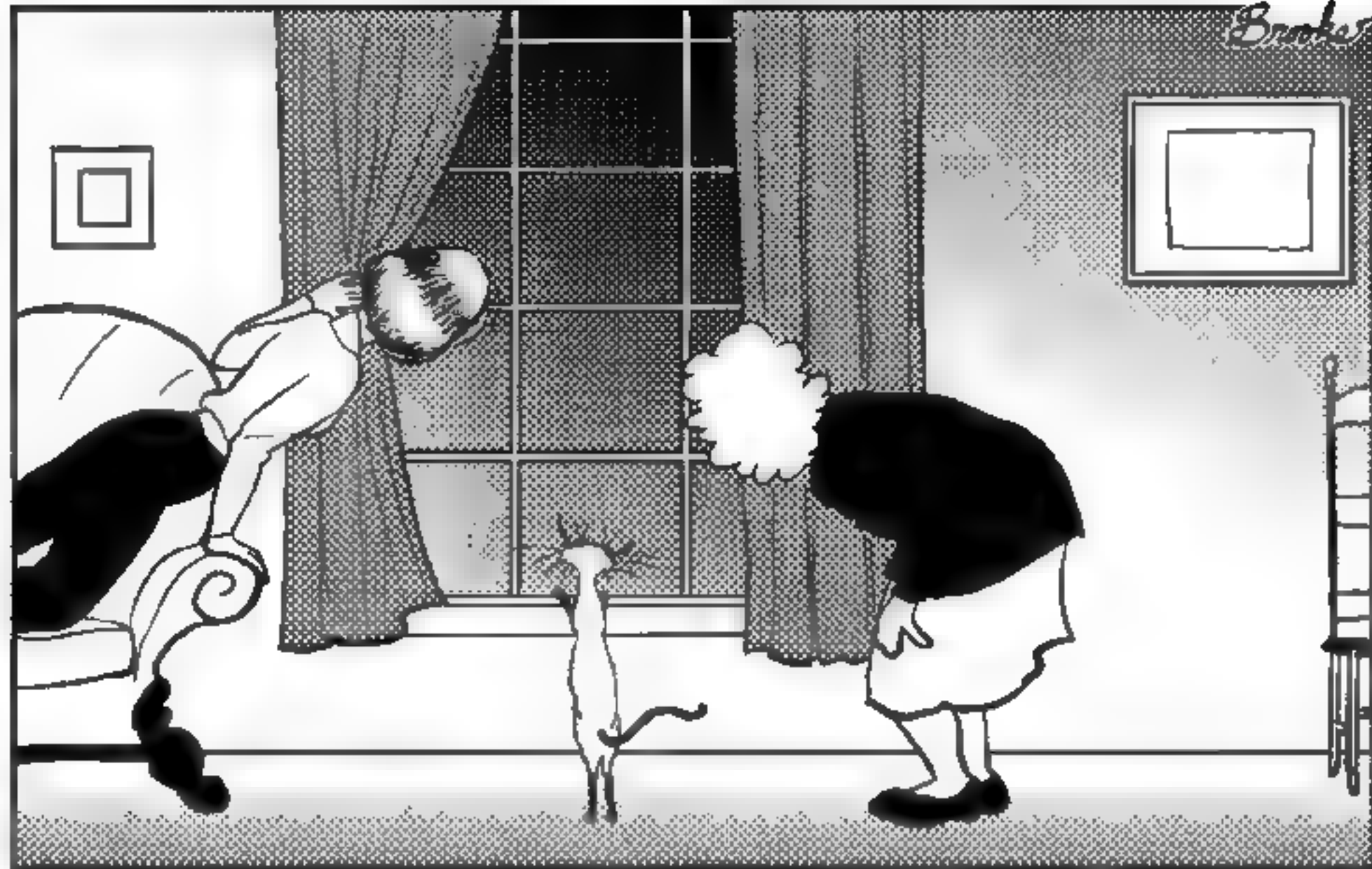
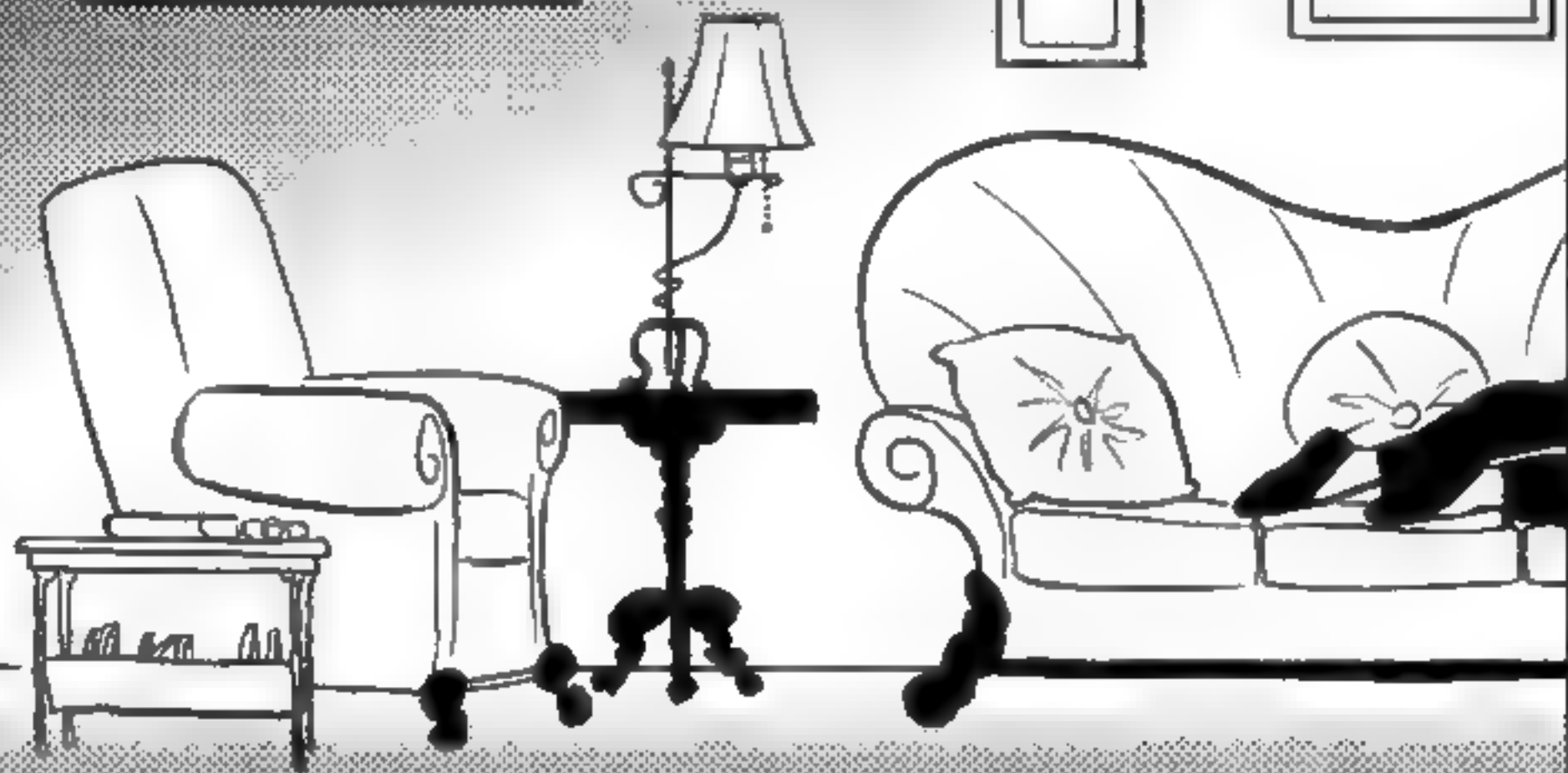


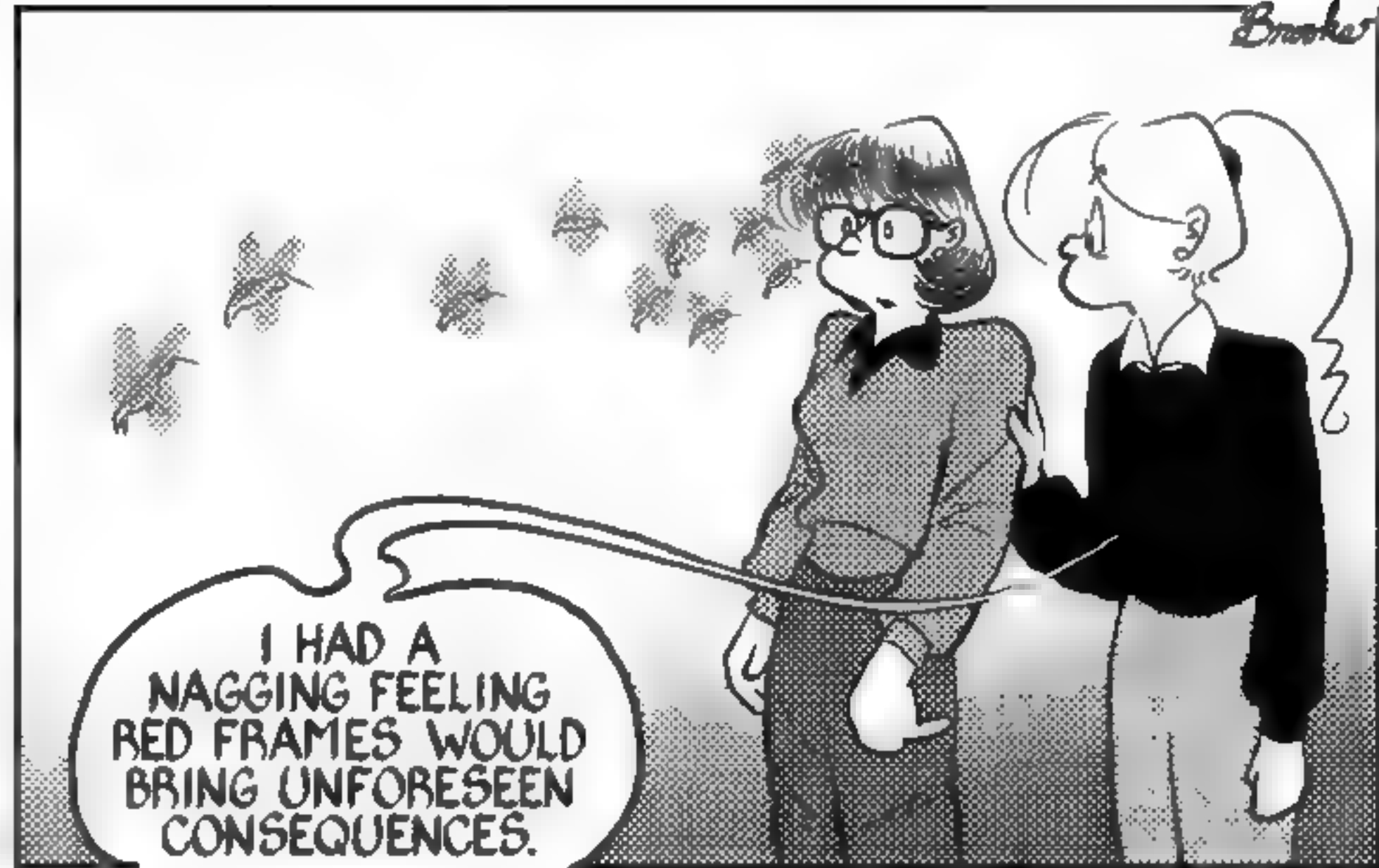
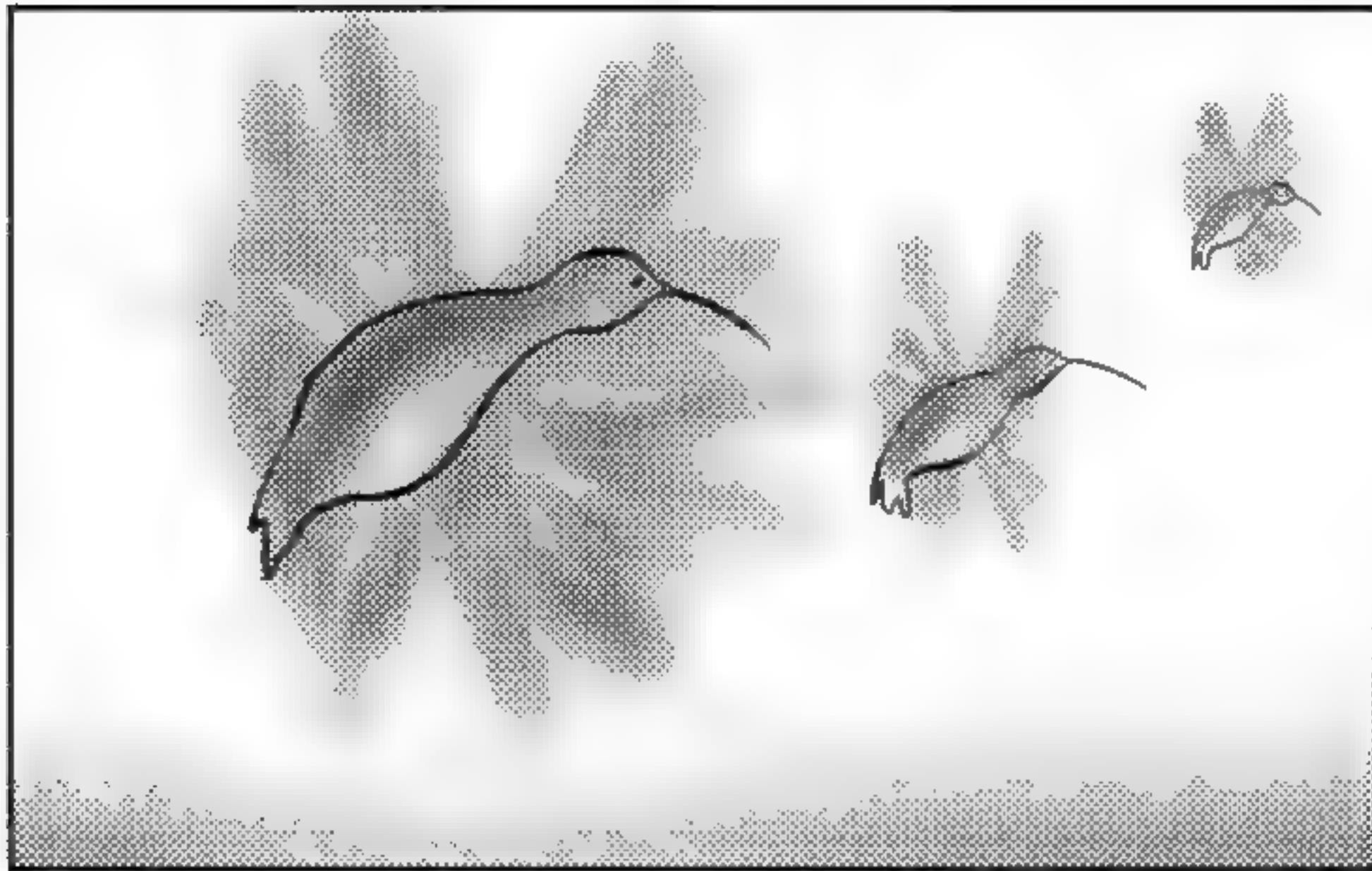
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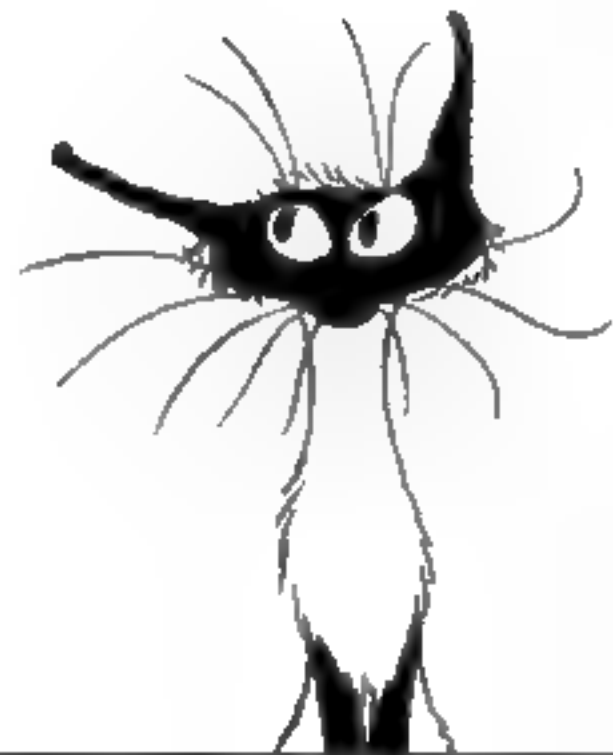
SORRY FOR THE MESS...
I CAME IN LATE FROM
A PARTY
CARTOON.
BY THE WAY,
I WON'T
BE GOING
TO THE
CHURCH
CARTOON
THIS
MORNING.

A KISS ON
THE FIRST DATE





BOGEY AT 2 O'CLOCK



BOGEY AT 12 O'CLOCK



BOGEY AT 9 O'CLOCK



STAND-DOWN



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GRAN, I DON'T WANT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO BE DRIVEN AND NOBBLED BY GUILT....WHAT WAS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR GRAND-MOTHER LIKE?



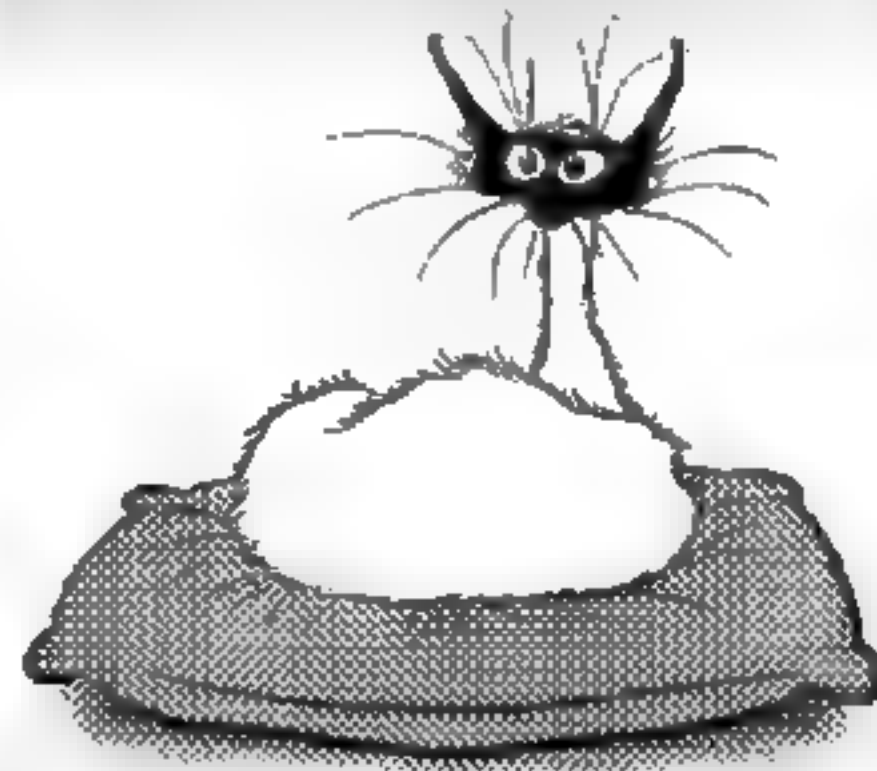
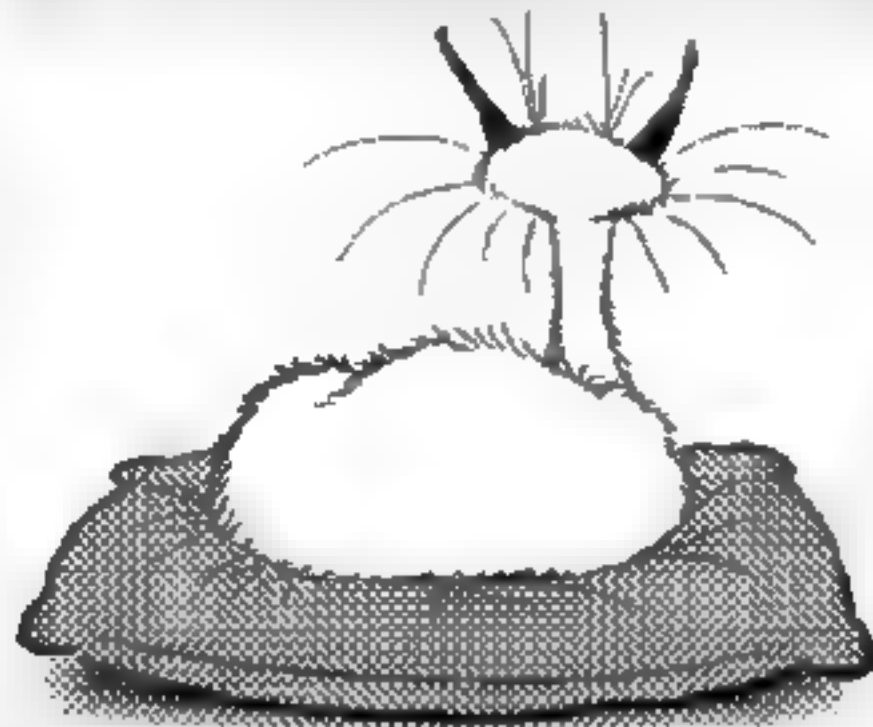
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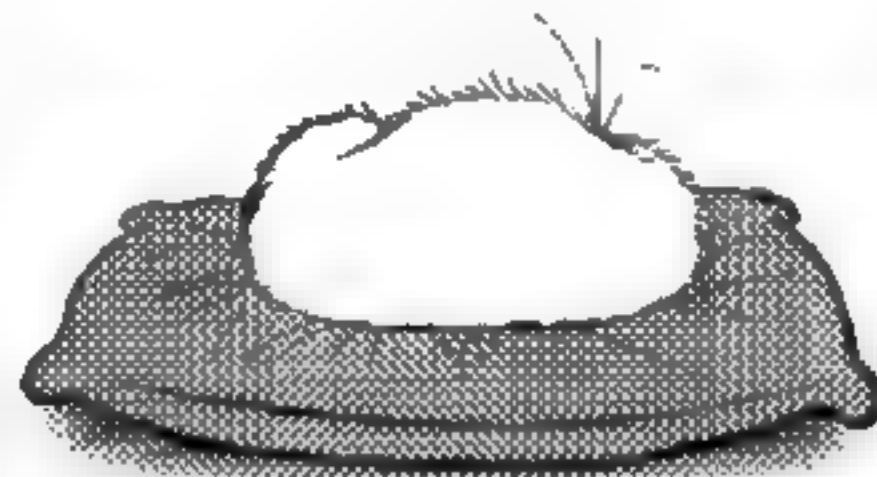


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AMOS, YOU
DROPPED YOUR
WALLET...



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...YOU HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS
OF ALBERT EINSTEIN...
...AND ME?!

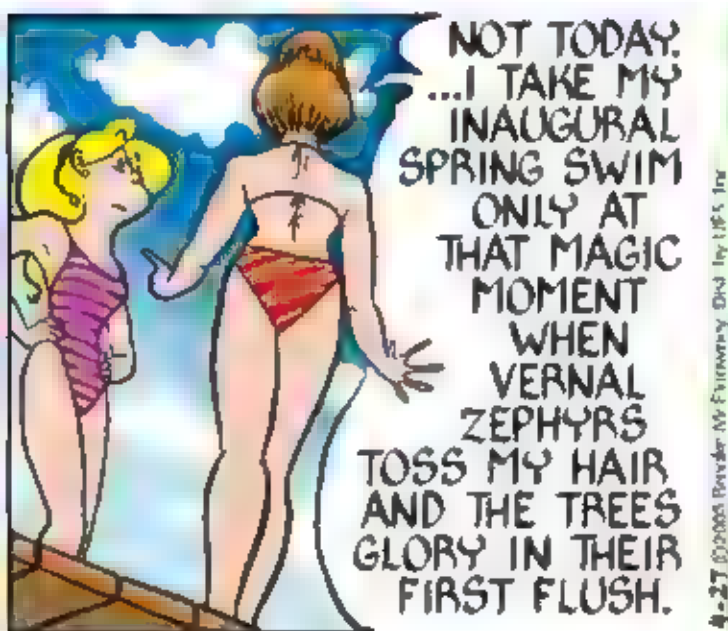
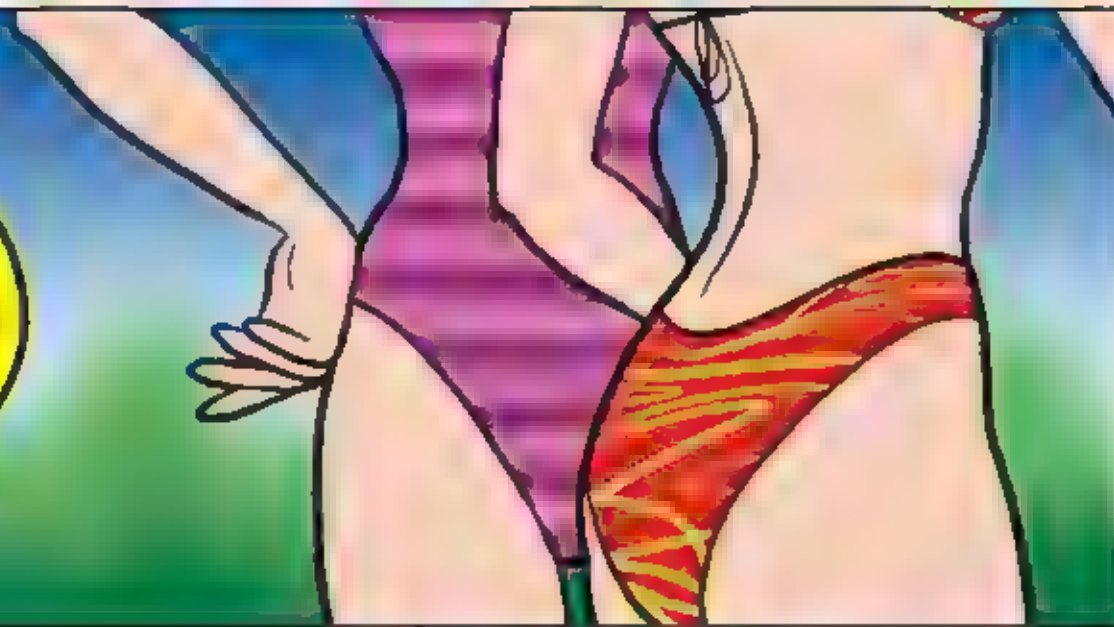


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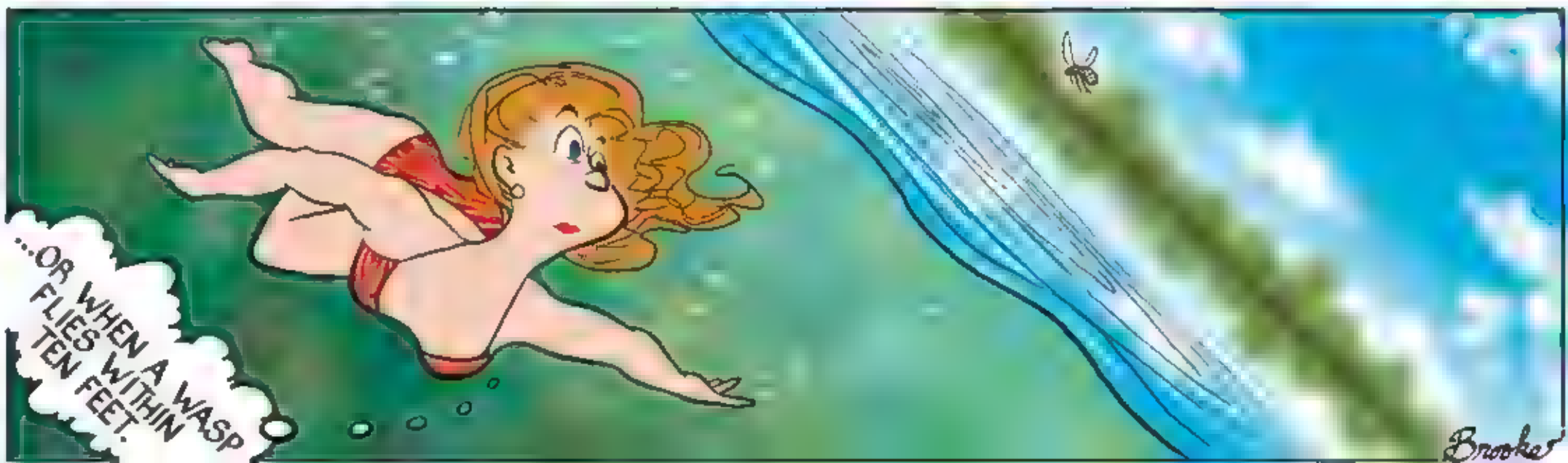
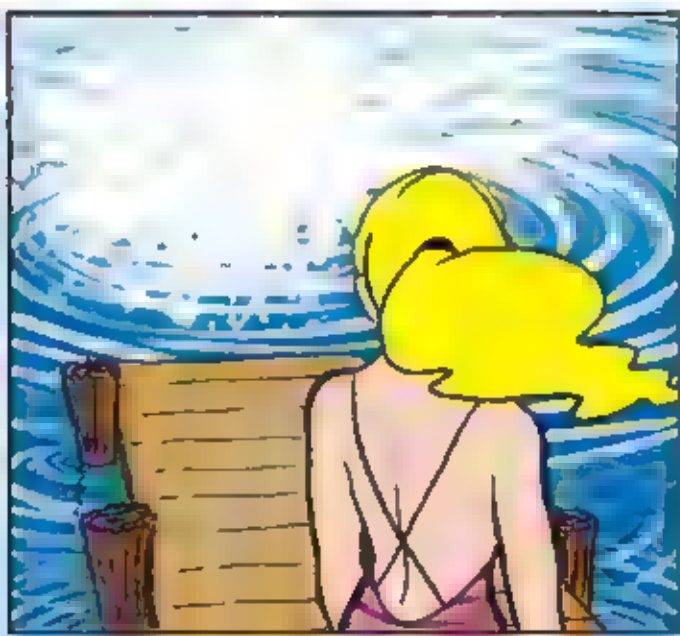
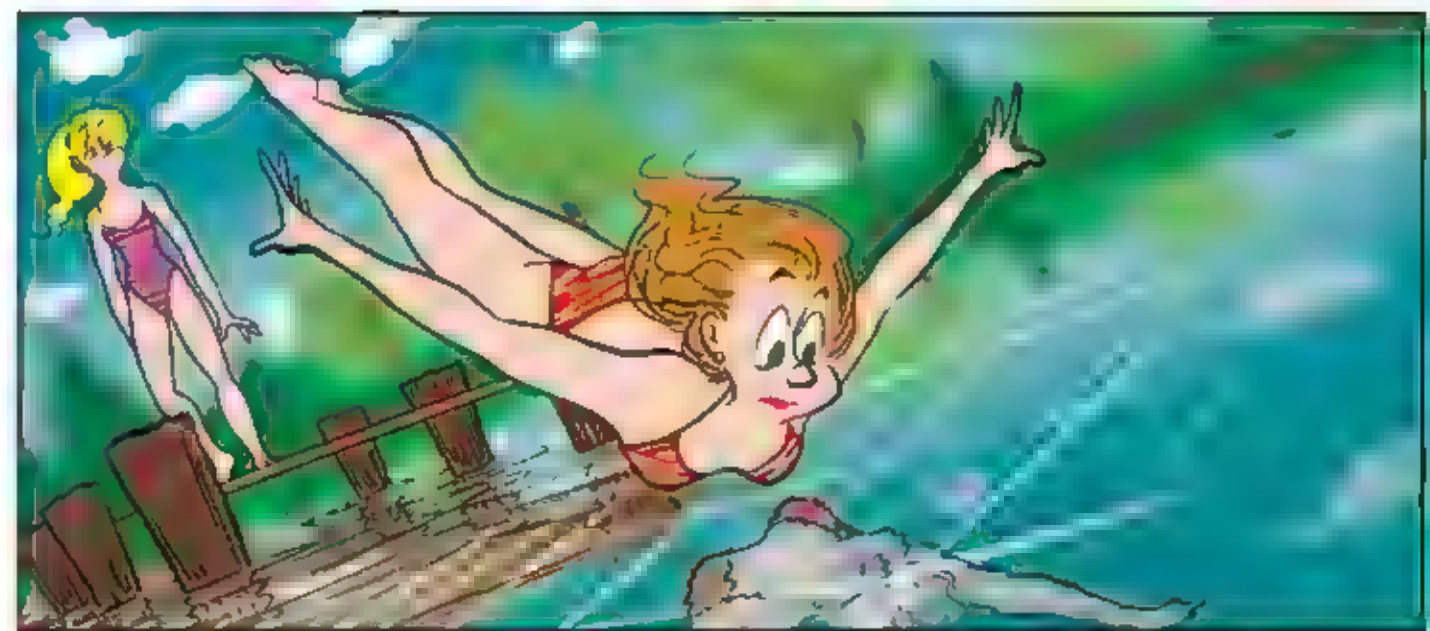
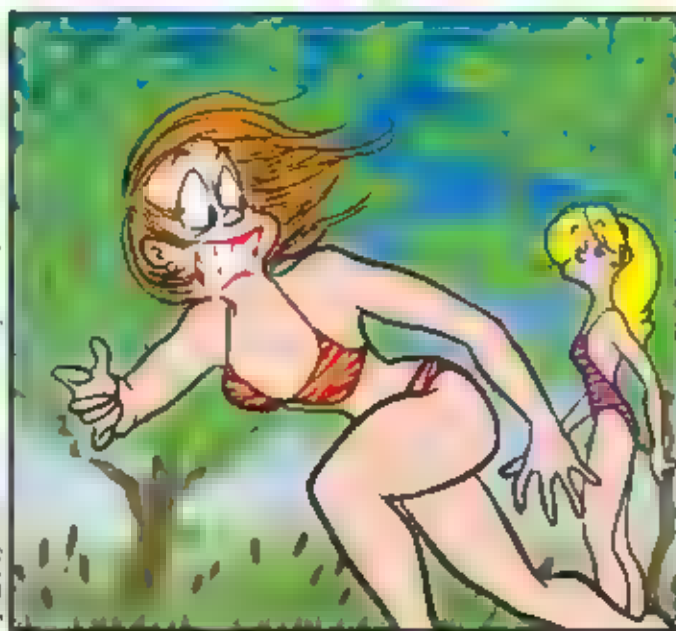


GOOD THING
EINSTEIN
DIDN'T FIND
MY WALLET.





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I NOW UNDERSTAND YOUR
WARNING ABOUT
WHAT A MERE
KISS ON A
DATE CAN
LEAD TO.

JUST
AVOID MEN
WHO'VE
HAD TANGO
LESSONS.





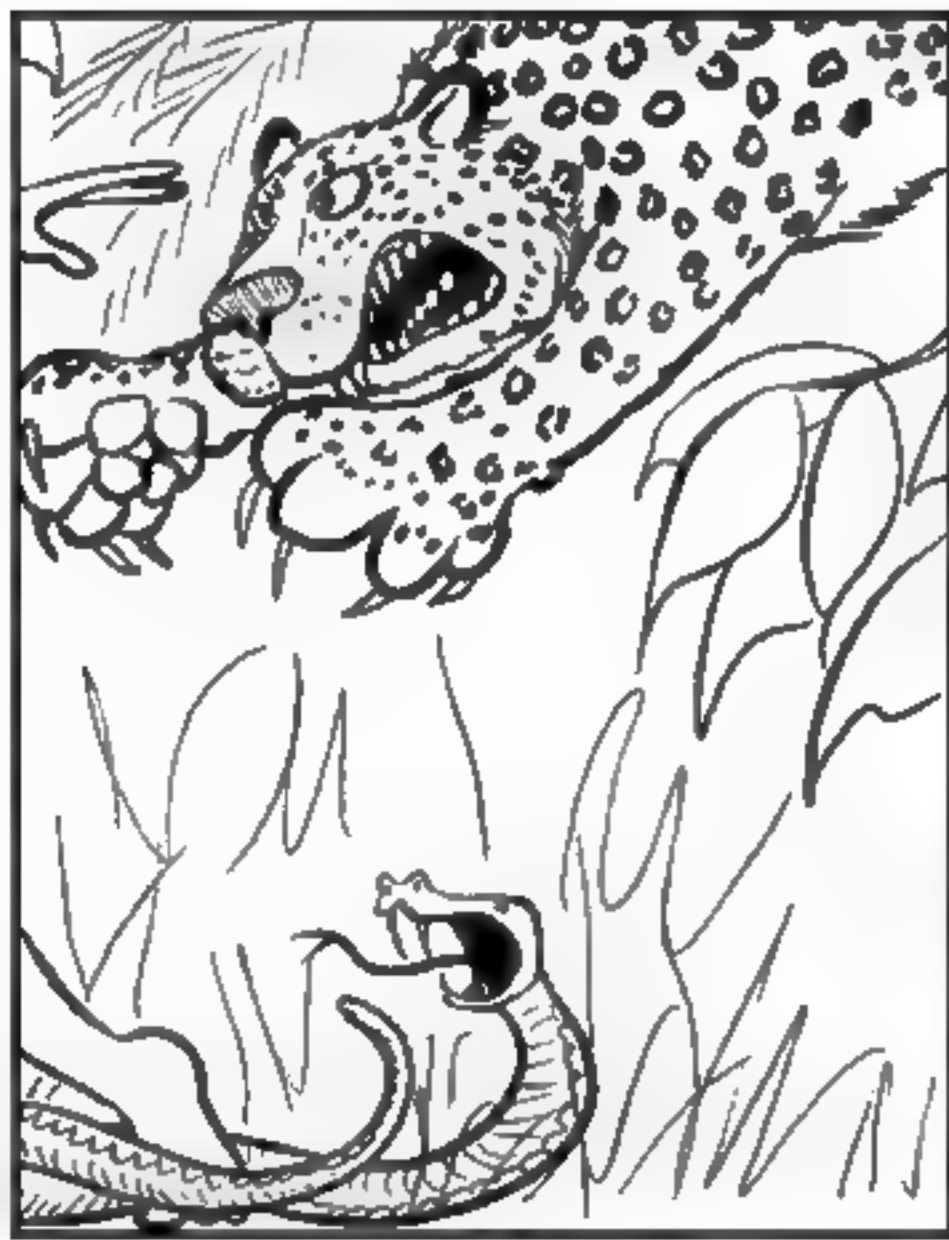
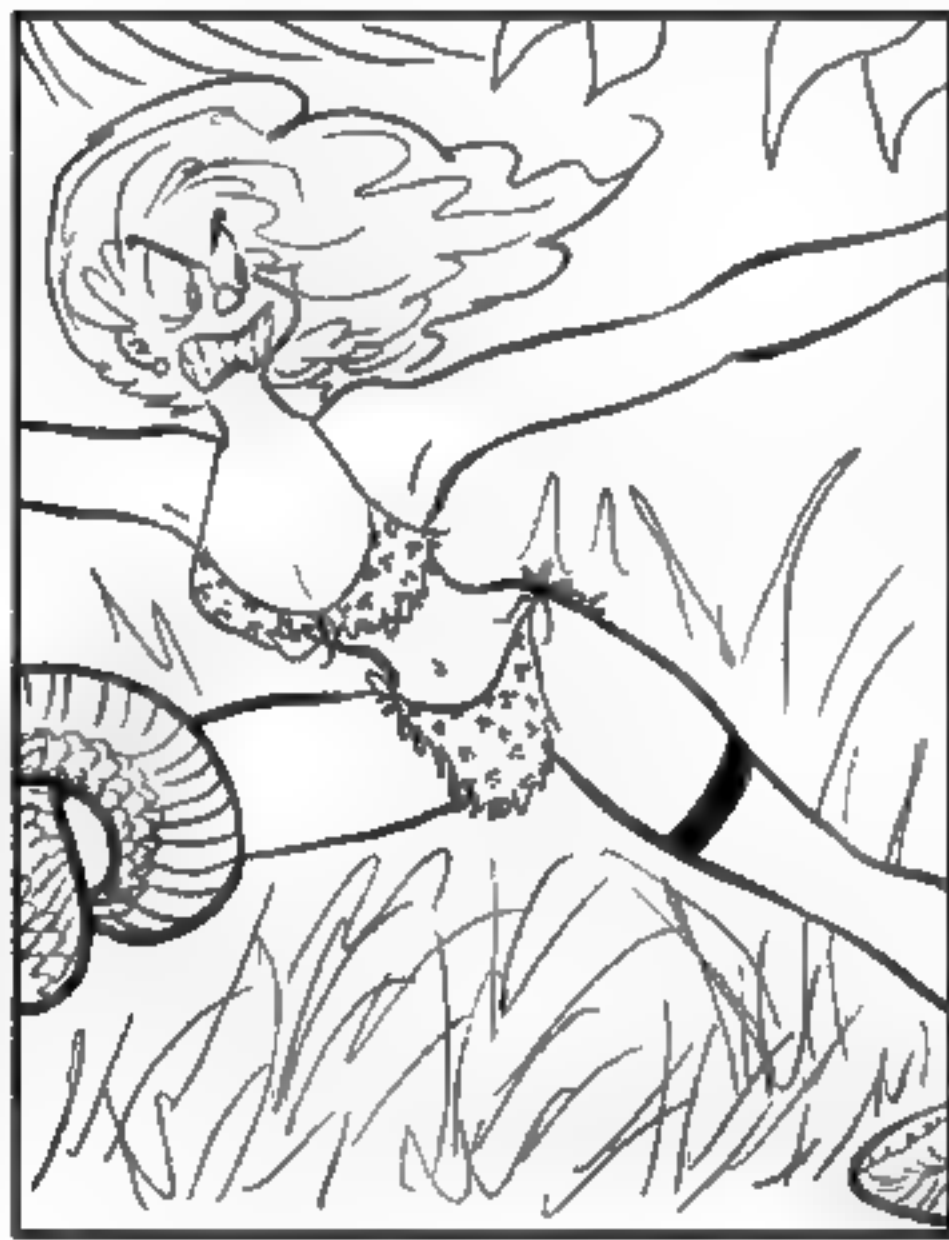
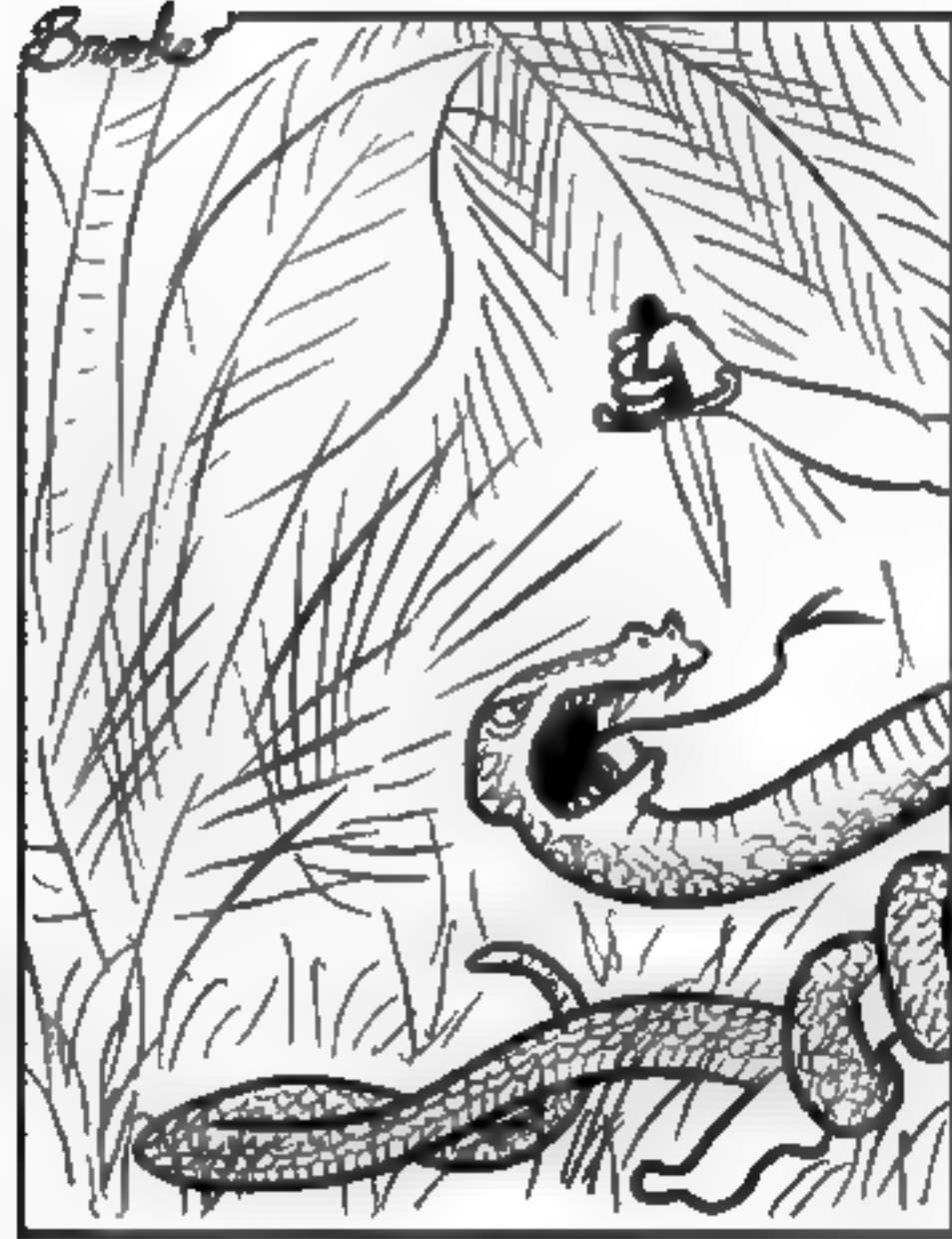
SOMEHOW, THESE
SWINGS SYMBOLIZE
MY STATE OF MIND...
MY QUARANTINE IN
ADULT CHILDHOOD:
THE CHAINS ARE MY
BONDS TO A WORLD
I THOUGHT I HAD
OUTGROWN...
A WOMAN, YET
A LITTLE GIRL...
A MOTHER,
YET AN ETERNAL
DAUGHTER...A...



GOSH,
HE CAN
BE SO
SPONTA-
NEOUSLY
ROMANTIC!



IF I
COVER
HER MOUTH,
SHE WON'T
TALK.



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REPETITION
OF SIGNAL...



...UNTIL
MESSAGE
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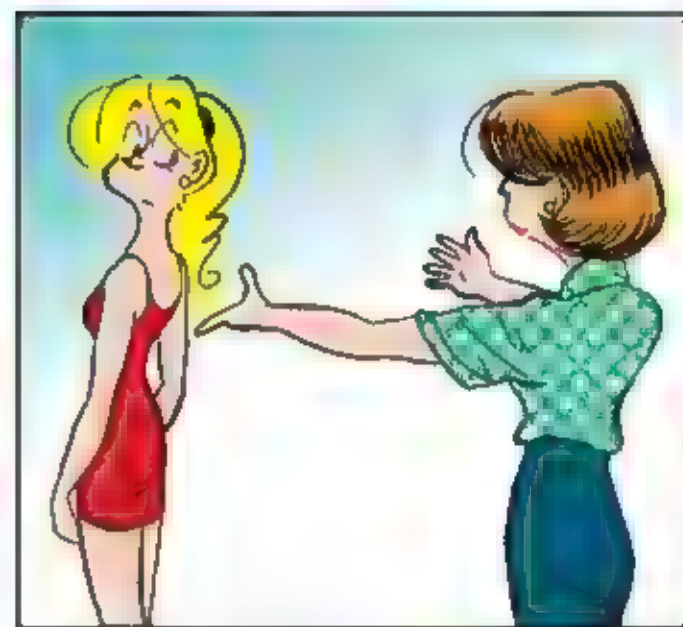
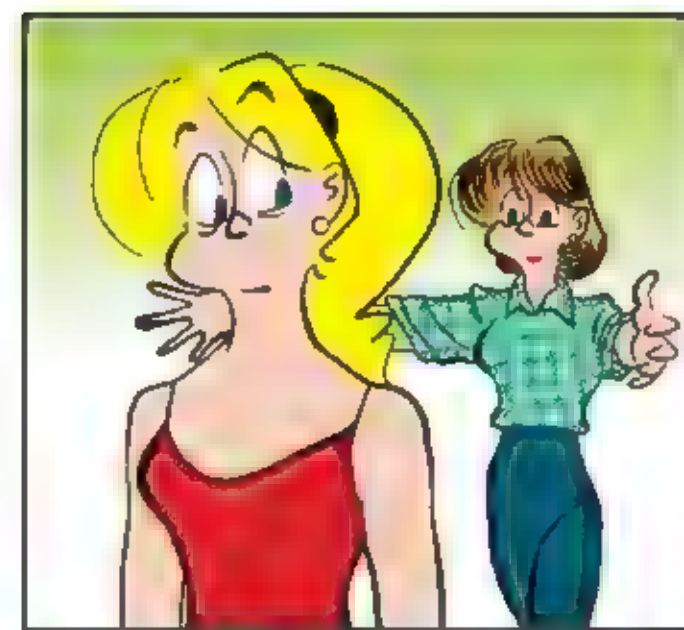
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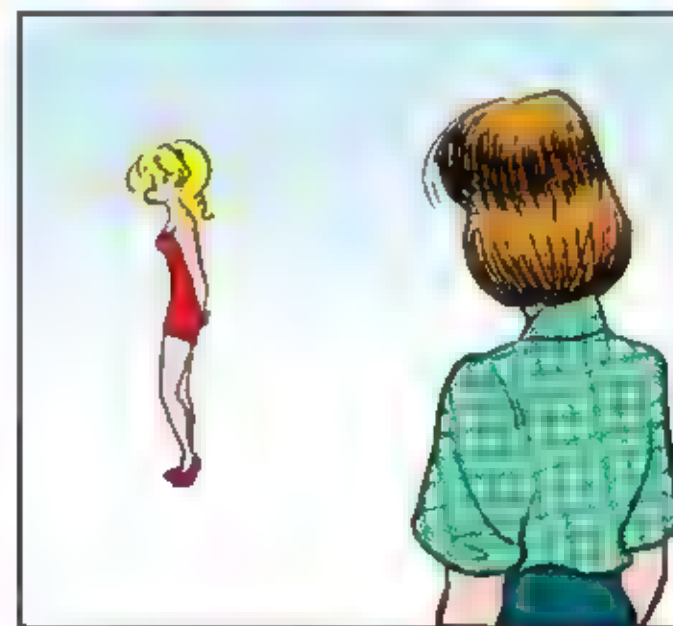
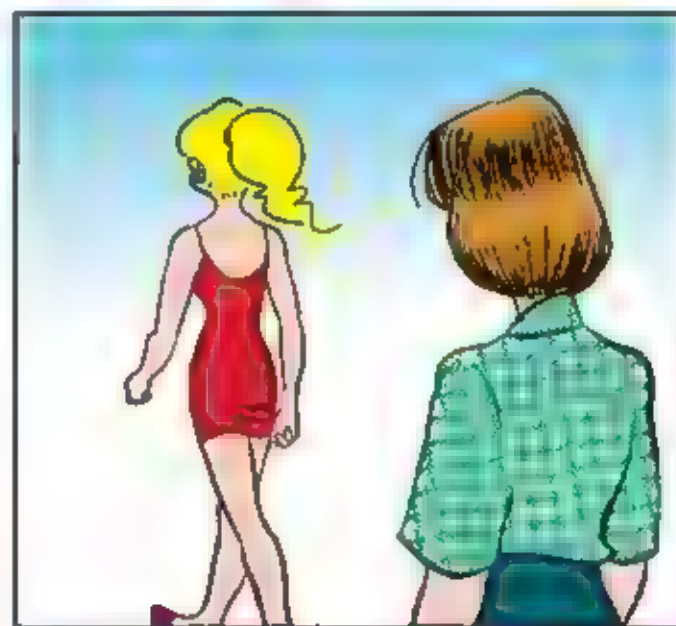
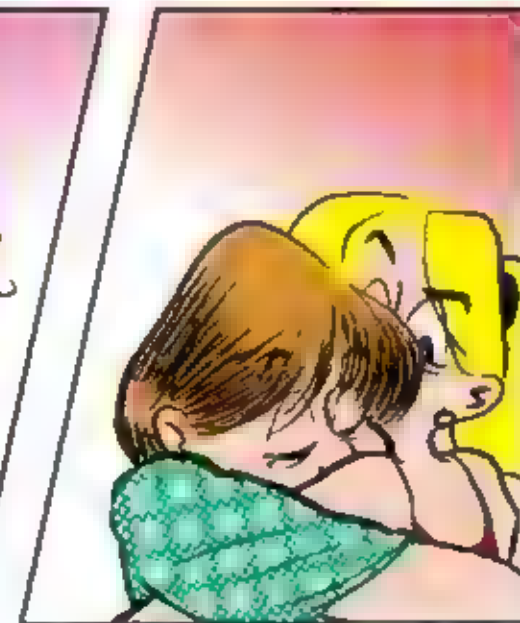
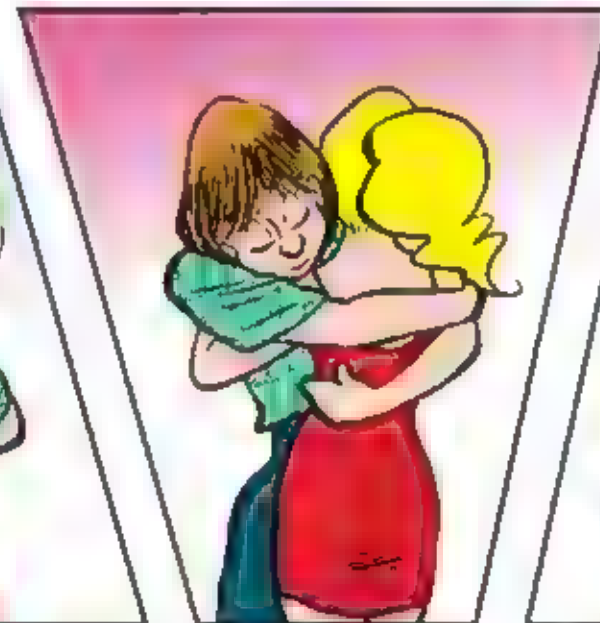
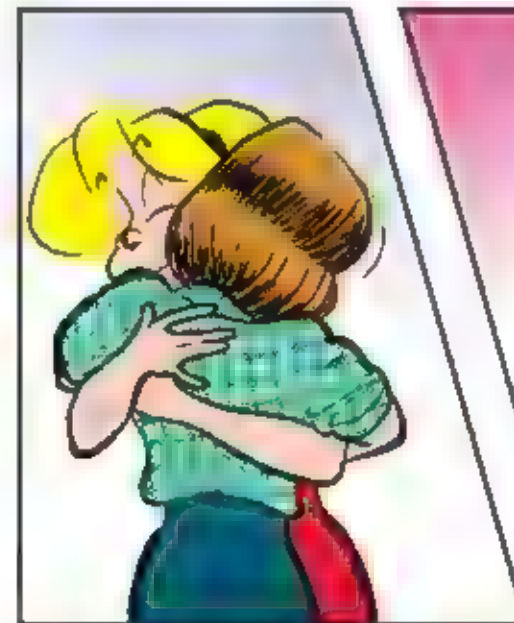
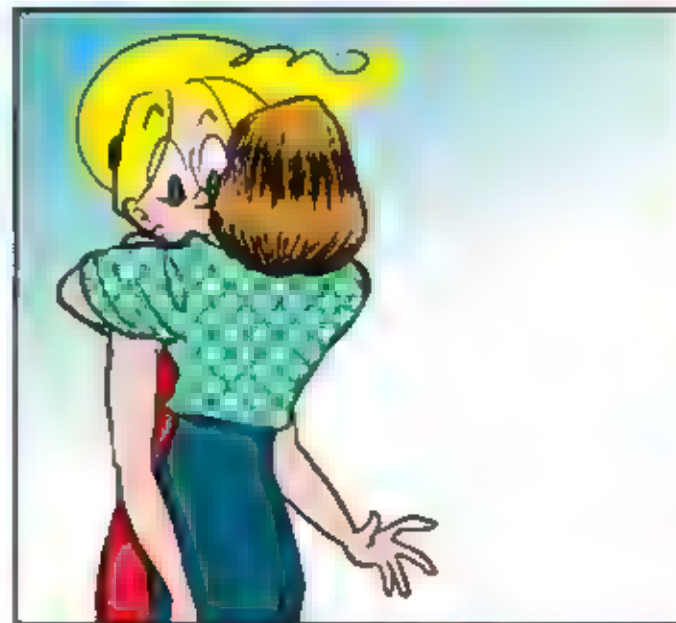
...FOR
VACUUM
CLEANER
NOISE.

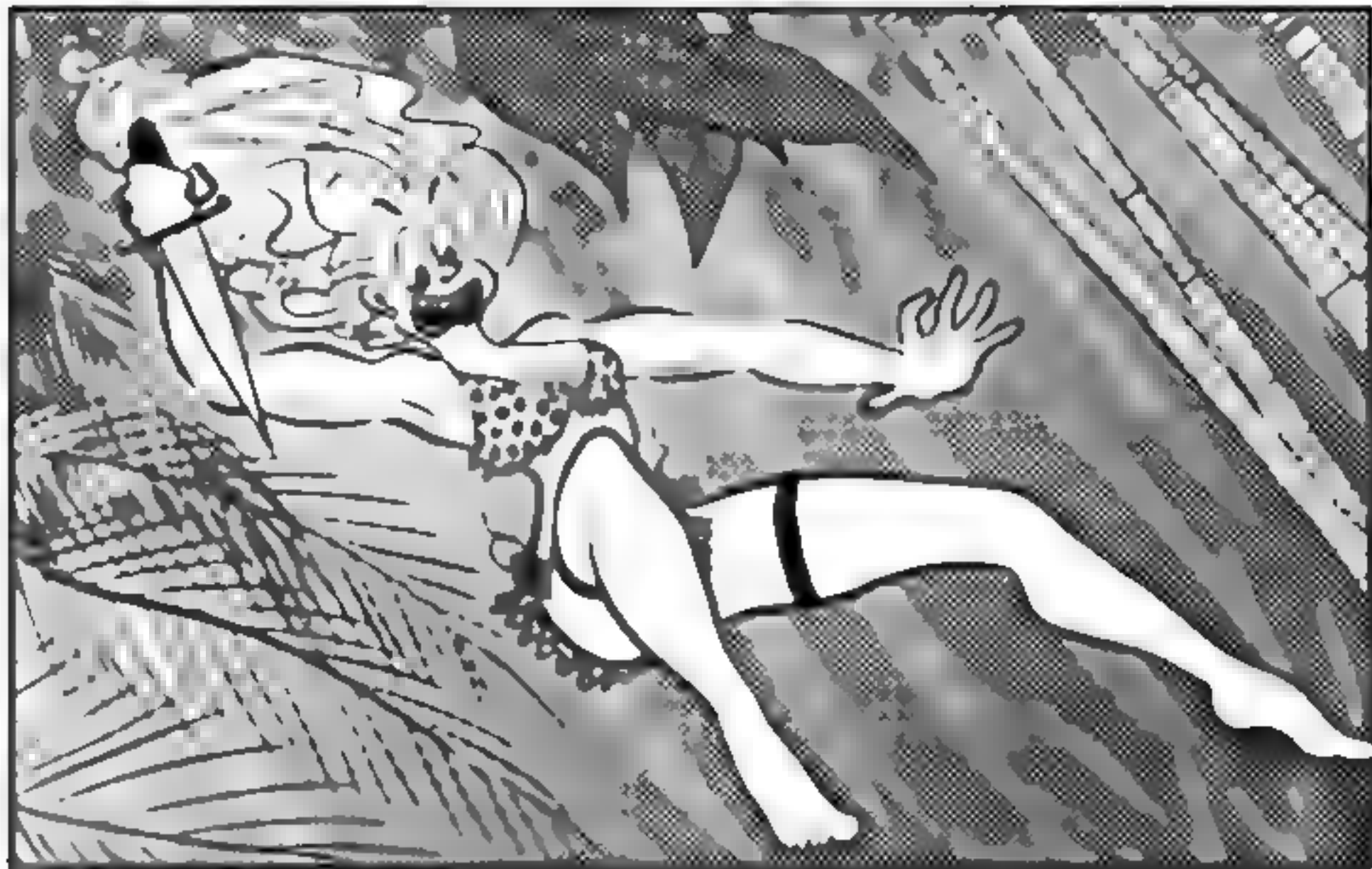


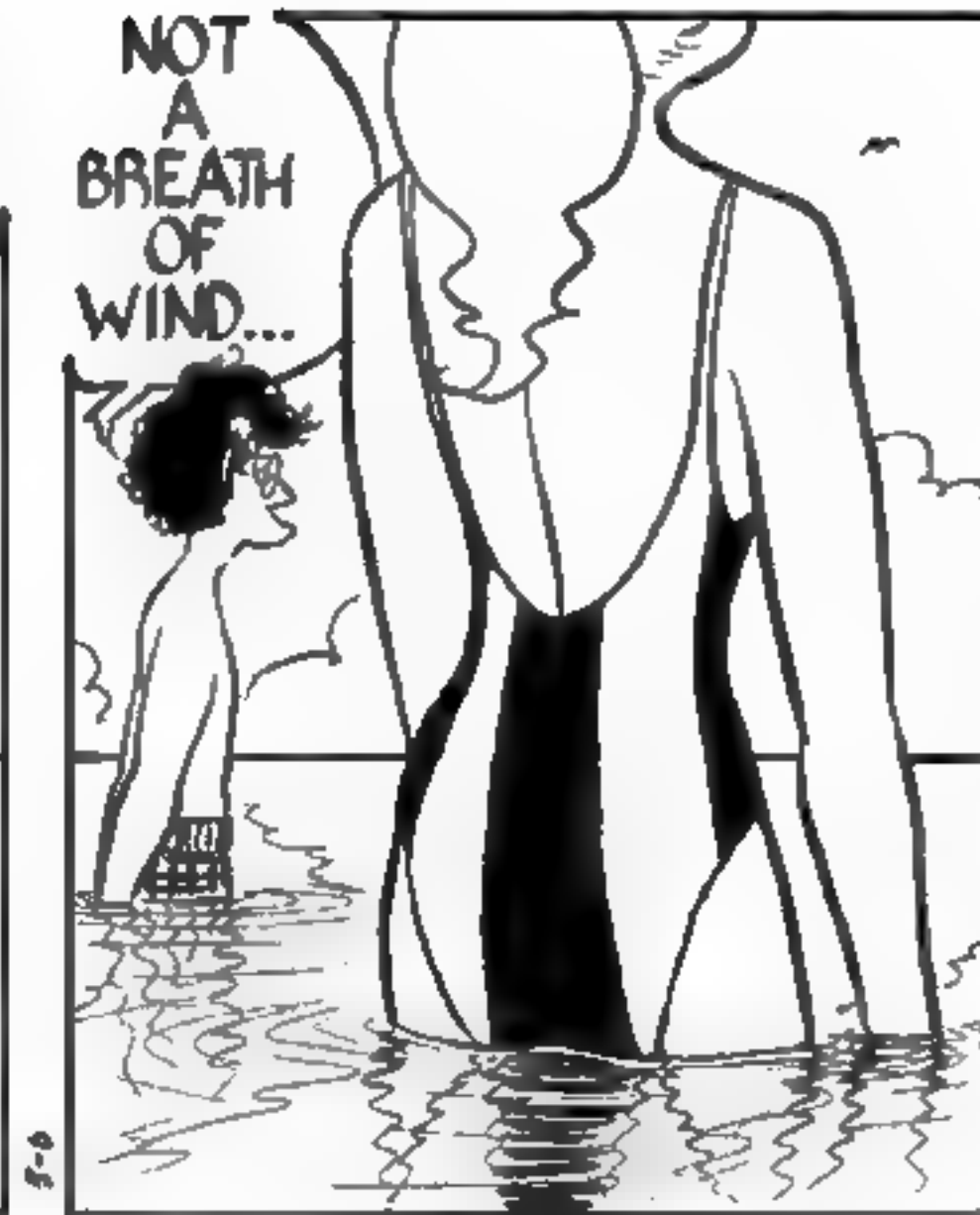
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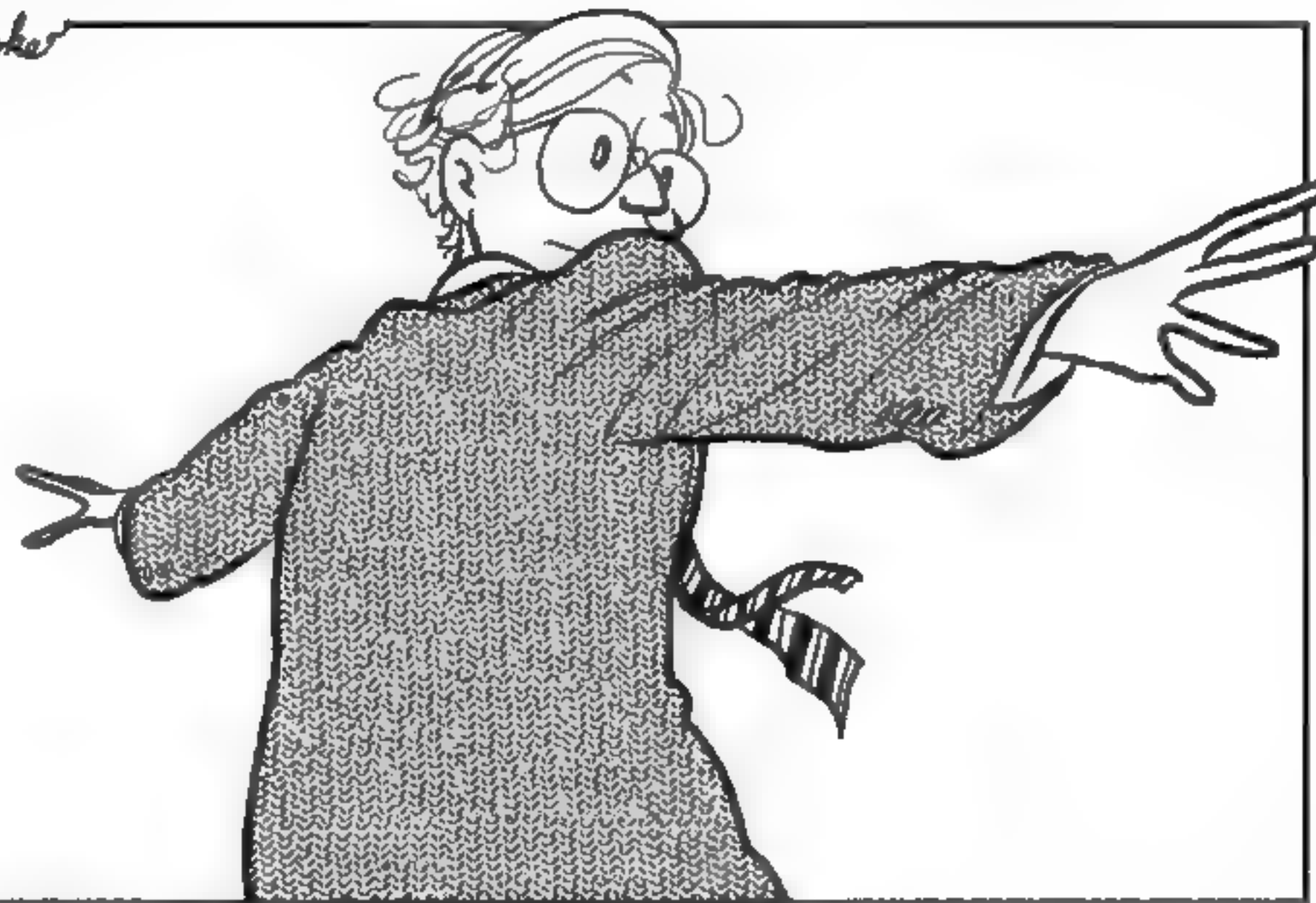


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OKAY, YOU'RE FEELING
CRABBY...BUT SOMETIMES
YOU HAVE TO TAKE
YOUR MOOD IN HAND.



HAVE YOU EVER HEARD
THE EXPRESSION, "JUST
TURN YOUR FROWN
UPSIDE DOWN"?



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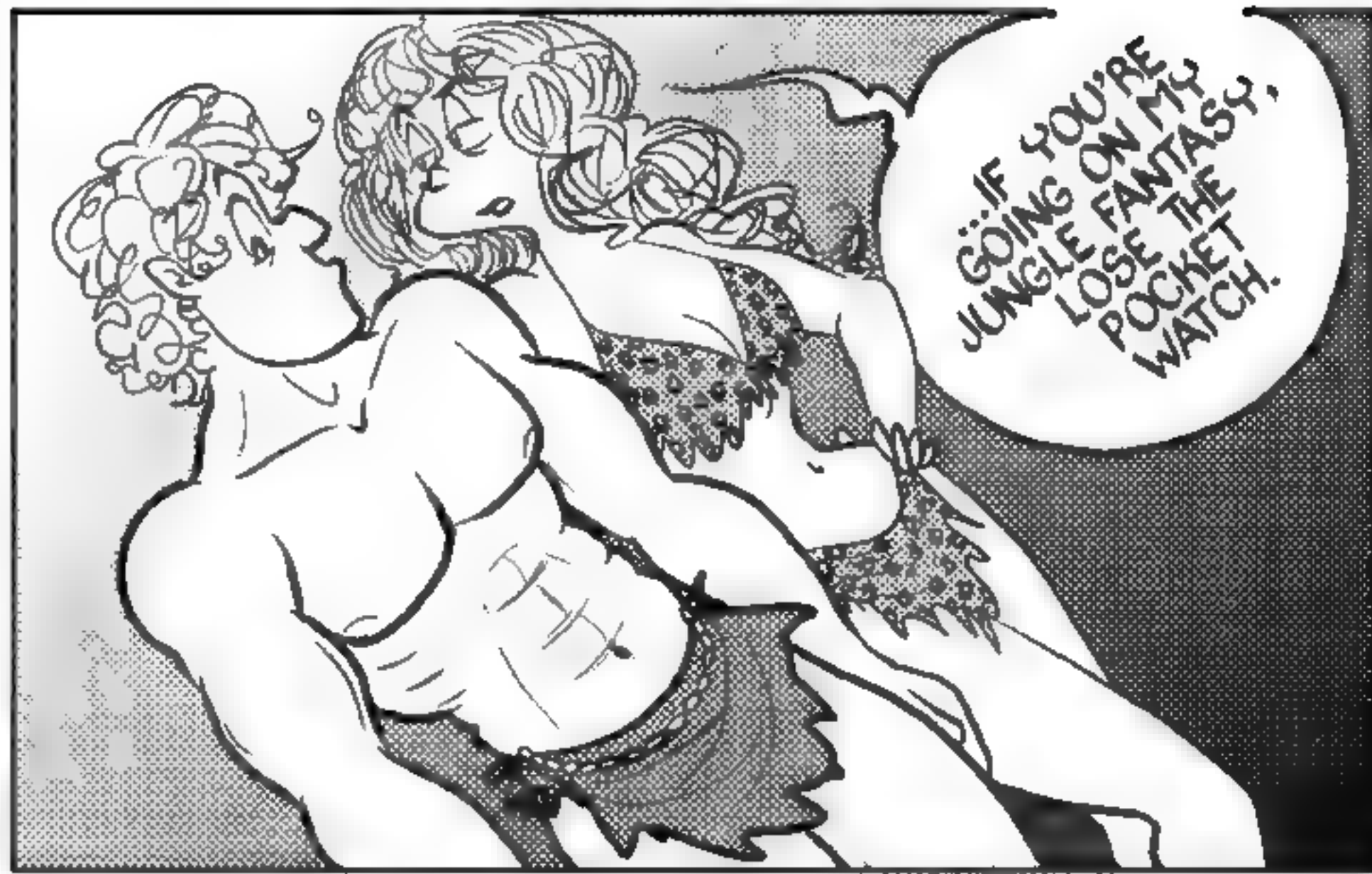
I'LL TAKE THE REFRAIN
OF ZIP-A-DEE-DOO-DAH
AS GIVEN.



EVEN IN THE CRABBIEST
ATMOSPHERE, THERE MUST
BE A BETTER WAY TO
"TURN YOUR FROWN
UPSIDE DOWN"
THAN THAT.

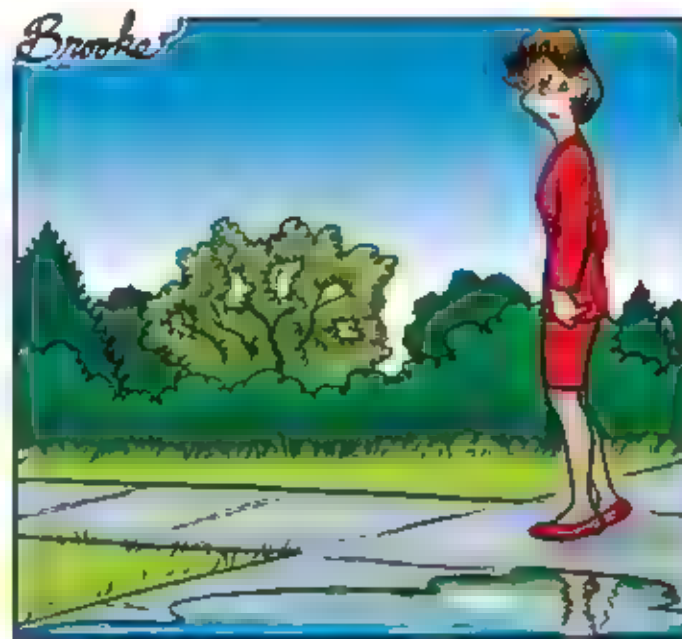
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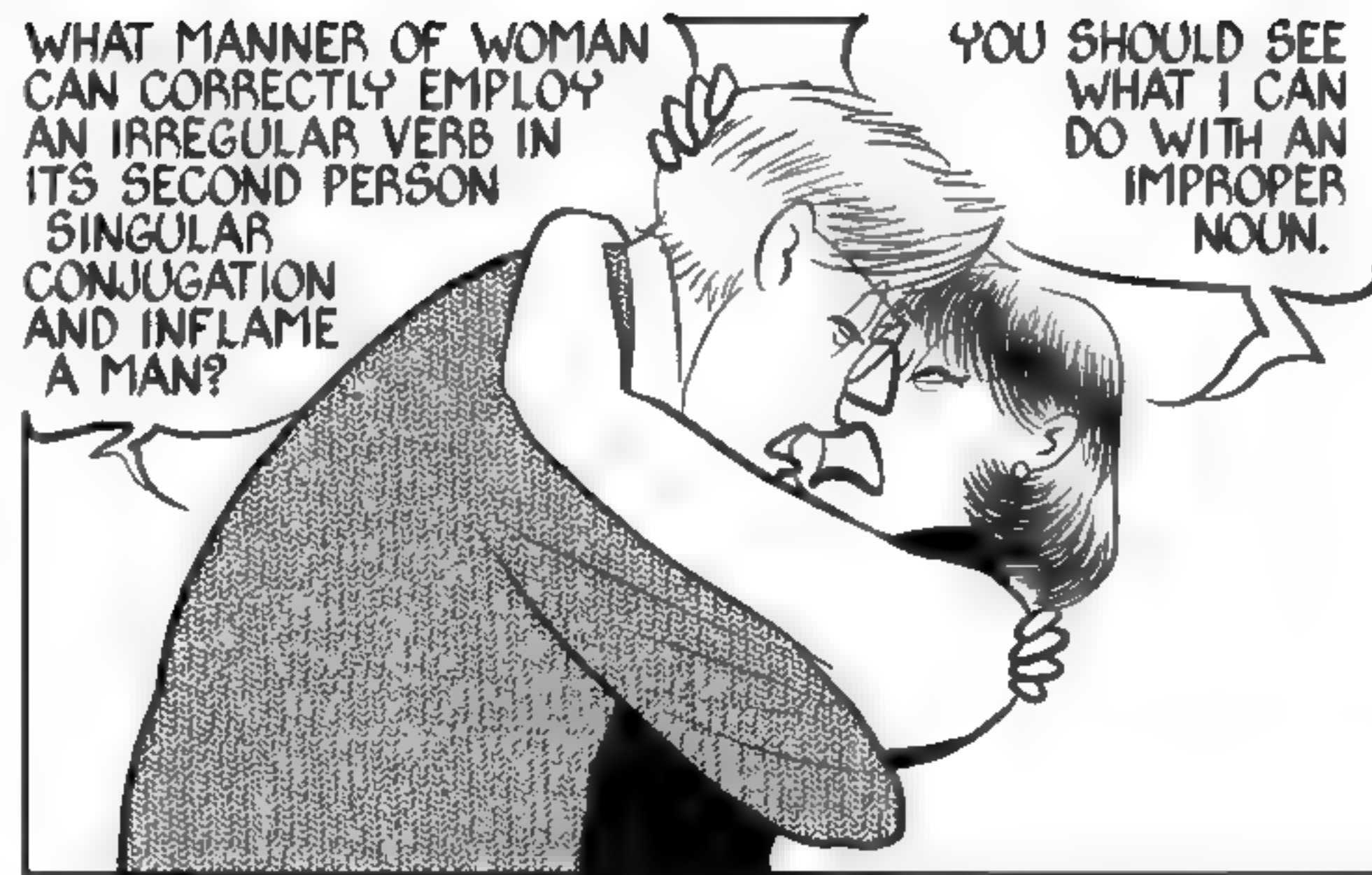
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WHAT MANNER OF WOMAN
CAN CORRECTLY EMPLOY
AN IRREGULAR VERB IN
ITS SECOND PERSON
SINGULAR
CONJUGATION
AND INFLAME
A MAN?

YOU SHOULD SEE
WHAT I CAN
DO WITH AN
IMPROPER
NOUN.





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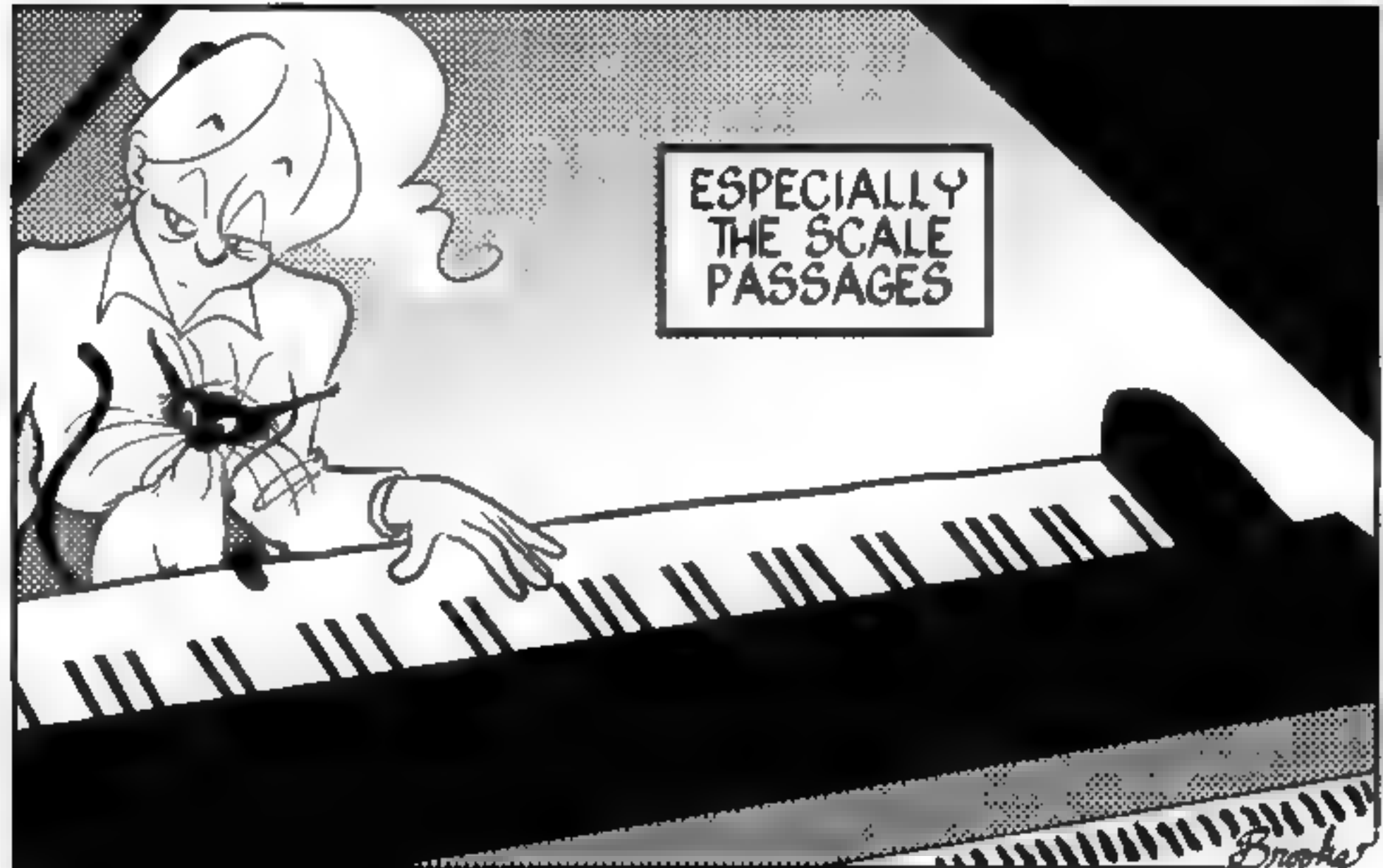


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A FONDNESS
FOR MOZART



ESPECIALLY
THE SCALE
PASSAGES



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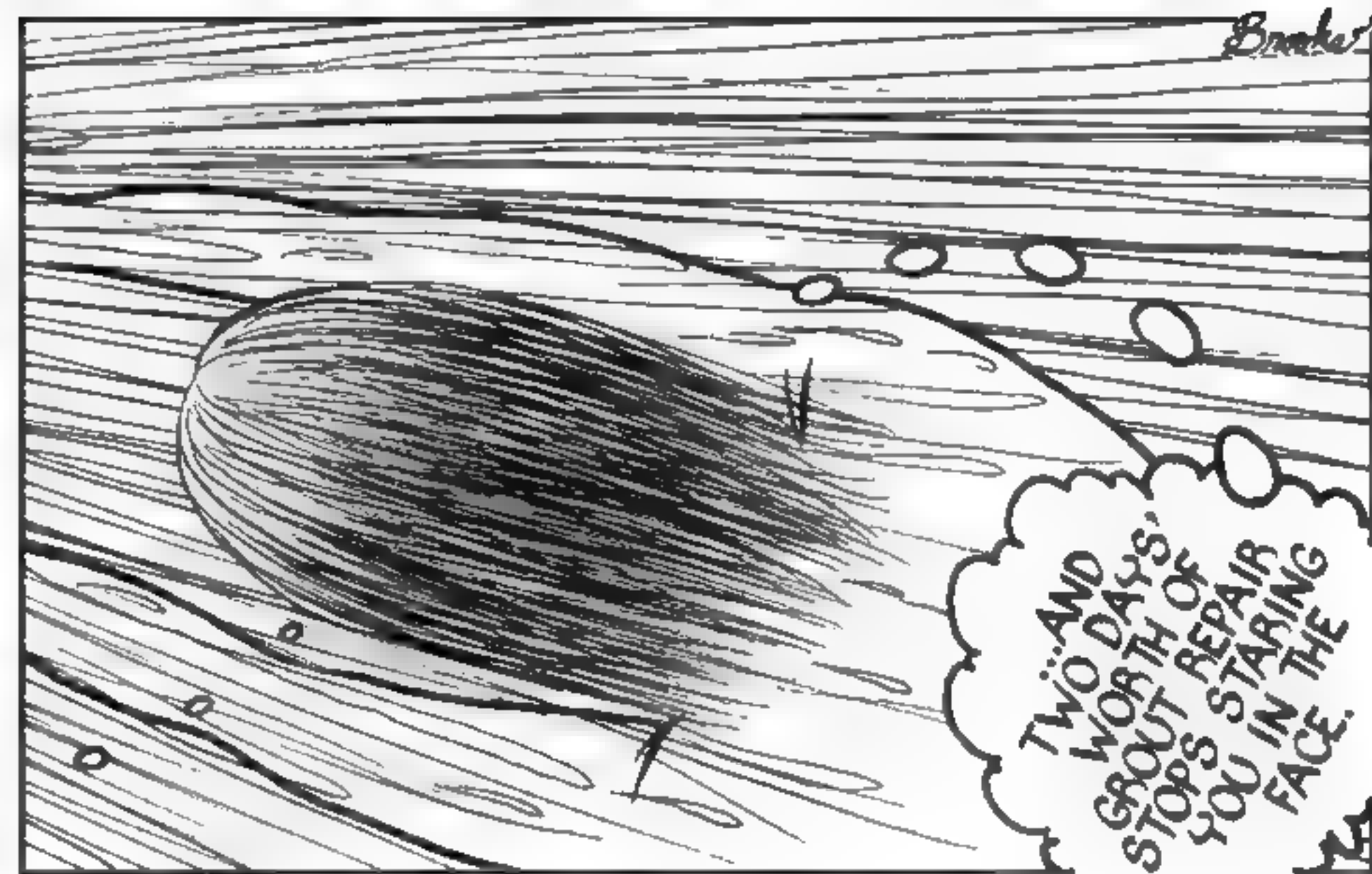
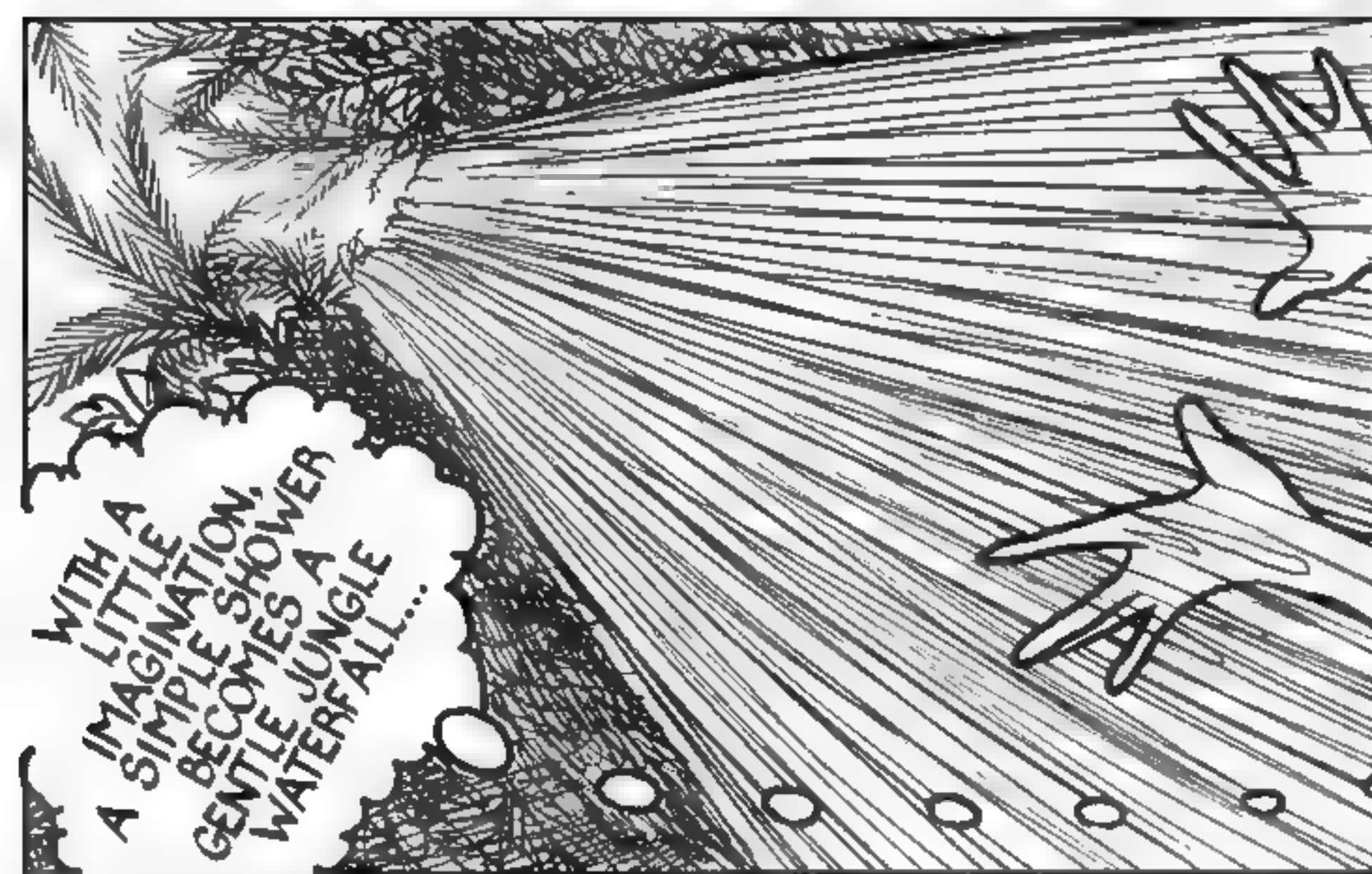
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RUNNING
AND
SLICK
SURFACES





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AMOS, I HAVE
A JOB FOR YOU
BEFORE YOU GO.

OKAY,
BOB.

YOU'RE
LATE.

I HAD
TO
WASH
THE
DISHES.

IS THERE SOMETHING
WRONG WITH
YOUR
FINGERS?

THEY
LOOK LIKE
PRUDES.

EVEN FOR SOMEONE WITH A
SEASON PASS TO WEIRD, THAT'S
THE DIPPYEST THING
YOU'VE EVER
SAID.

WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME DO
YOU MEAN BY
PRUDES?

WRIGGLED
PLUBS.





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NO, SOLANGE!
DON'T JUMP!
...DON'T JUMP!



TOYING WITH
WEAKER SPECIES



DID YOU SEE WHAT
THAT GUY DID?
...THAT WAS
GROSS!

YEAH,
I WAS
GROSSED
OUT.



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WHAT'S COME OVER ME?
WE SPEAK A LANGUAGE OF
NUANCE AND PRECISION,
YET THE ONLY DESCRIPTIVE
WORD I COULD FIND
WAS "GROSS"?!



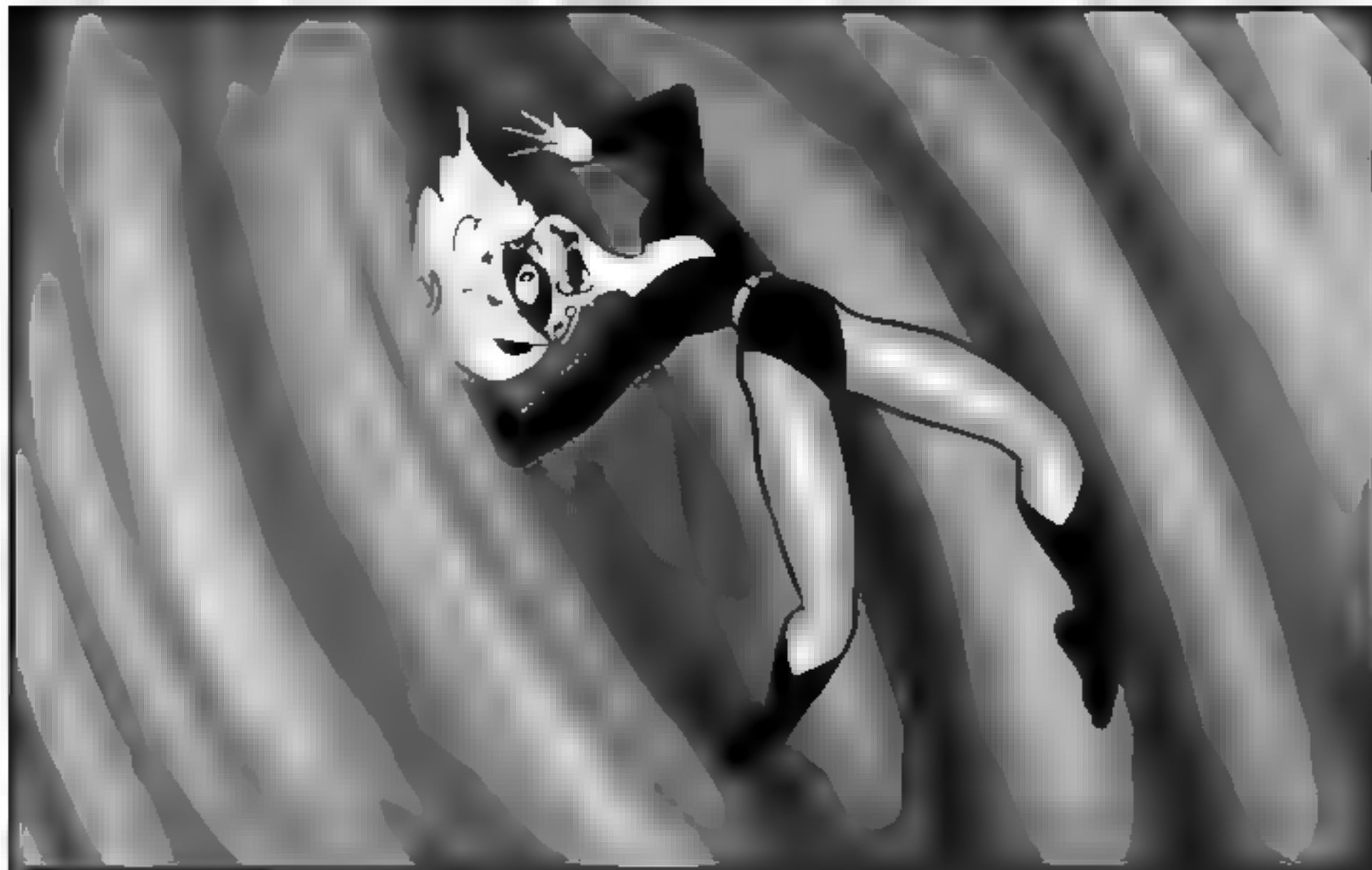
I HAVE FAR BETTER ADJEC-
TIVES AT MY DISPOSAL...
WHAT THAT GUY DID WAS
DELIBERATELY INELEGANT!



YEAH, I WAS
INELEGANTED
OUT.



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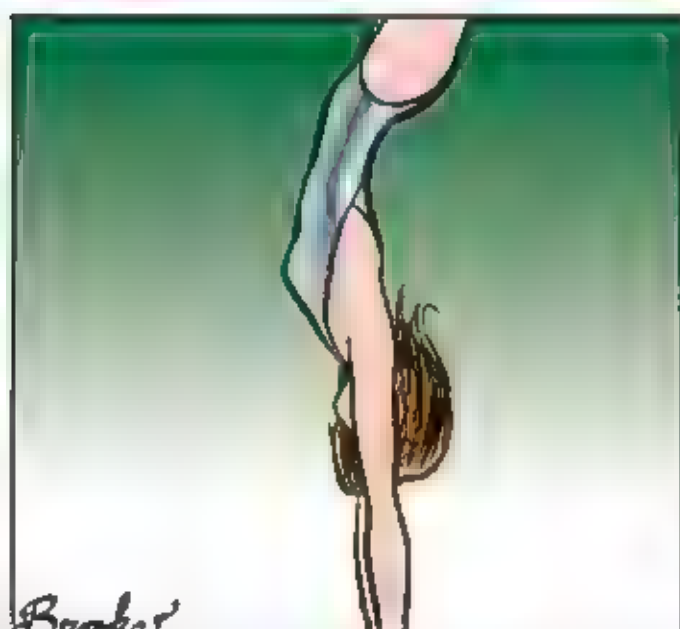
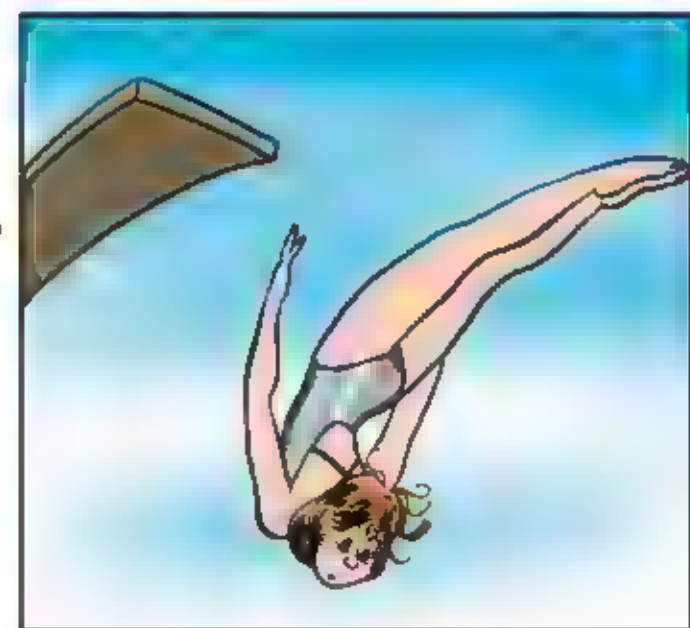
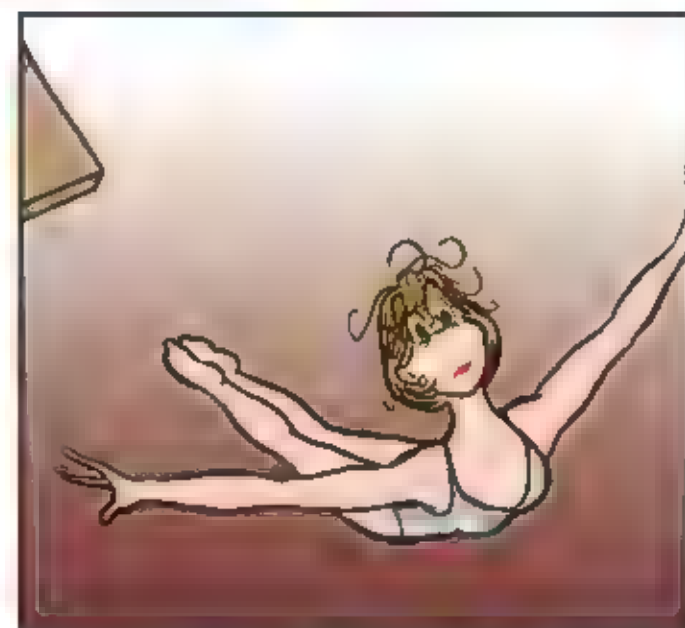
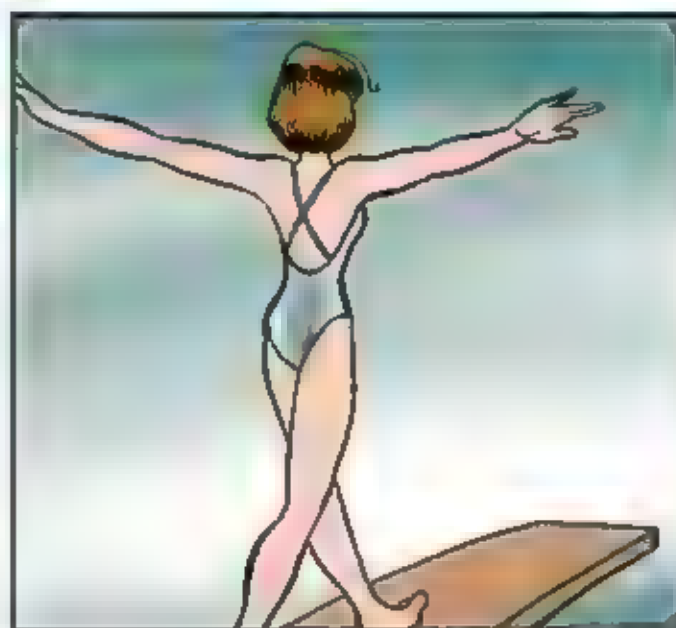
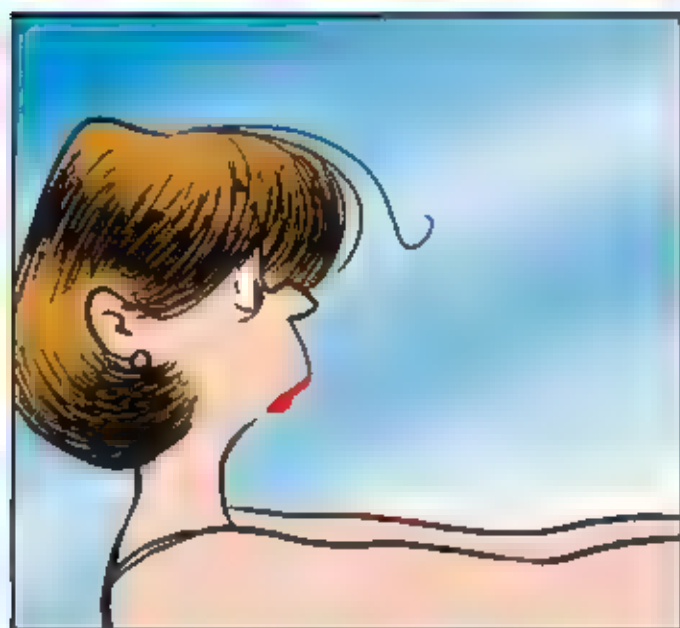
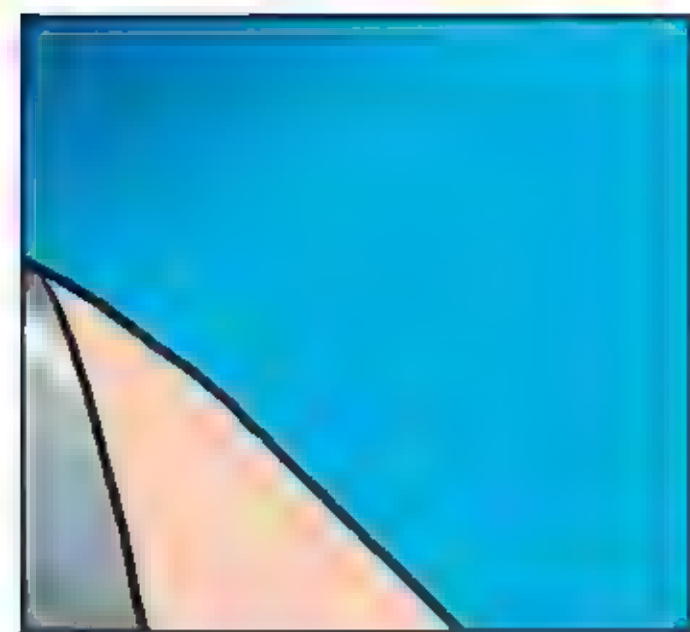
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THE
OCCASIONAL
NEED
TO SHOW
FLUFFY,
JINGLY,
CATNIP-
FILLED
TOYS
JUST WHO
IS BOSS.

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AH, YOU MUST BE
DR. GREENE'S NEW
SECRETARY.

I'M SORRY,
YOU CAN'T SEE
HIM...HE'S
WAITING FOR
A CONFERENCE
CALL.



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PERHAPS
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I CAN DO
FOR YOU?



WILL YOU RAIN BURNING
KISSES ON MY ALABASTER
THROAT, HUNGRILY PRESSING
YOUR LIPS TO THE
SCARLET WOUND
OF MY MOUTH
IN A SYMPHONY
OF RAPTURE?



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DR. GREENE,
I BELIEVE THAT
CONFERENCE CALL
YOU'VE BEEN
EXPECTING HAS
ARRIVED.





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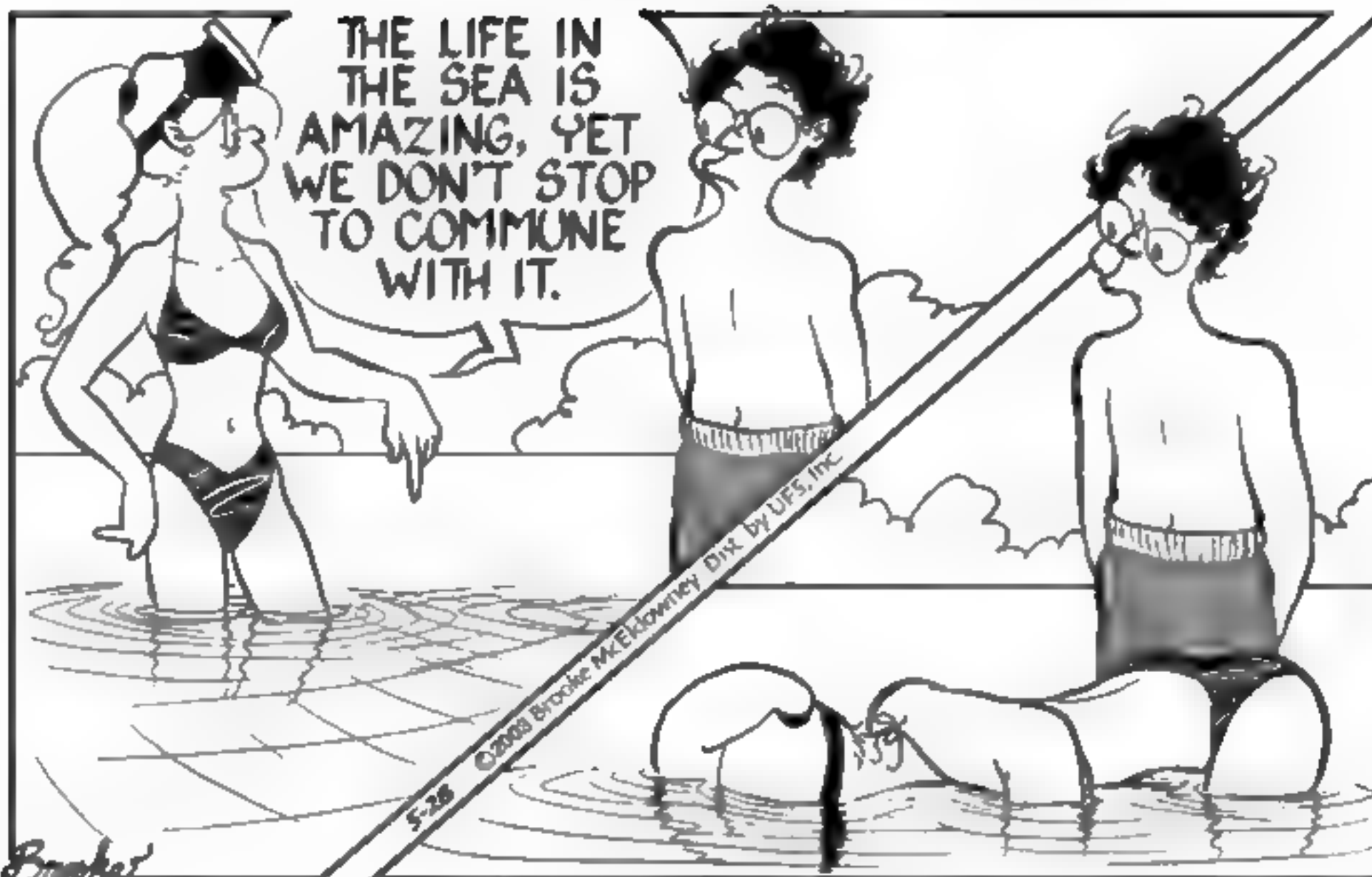


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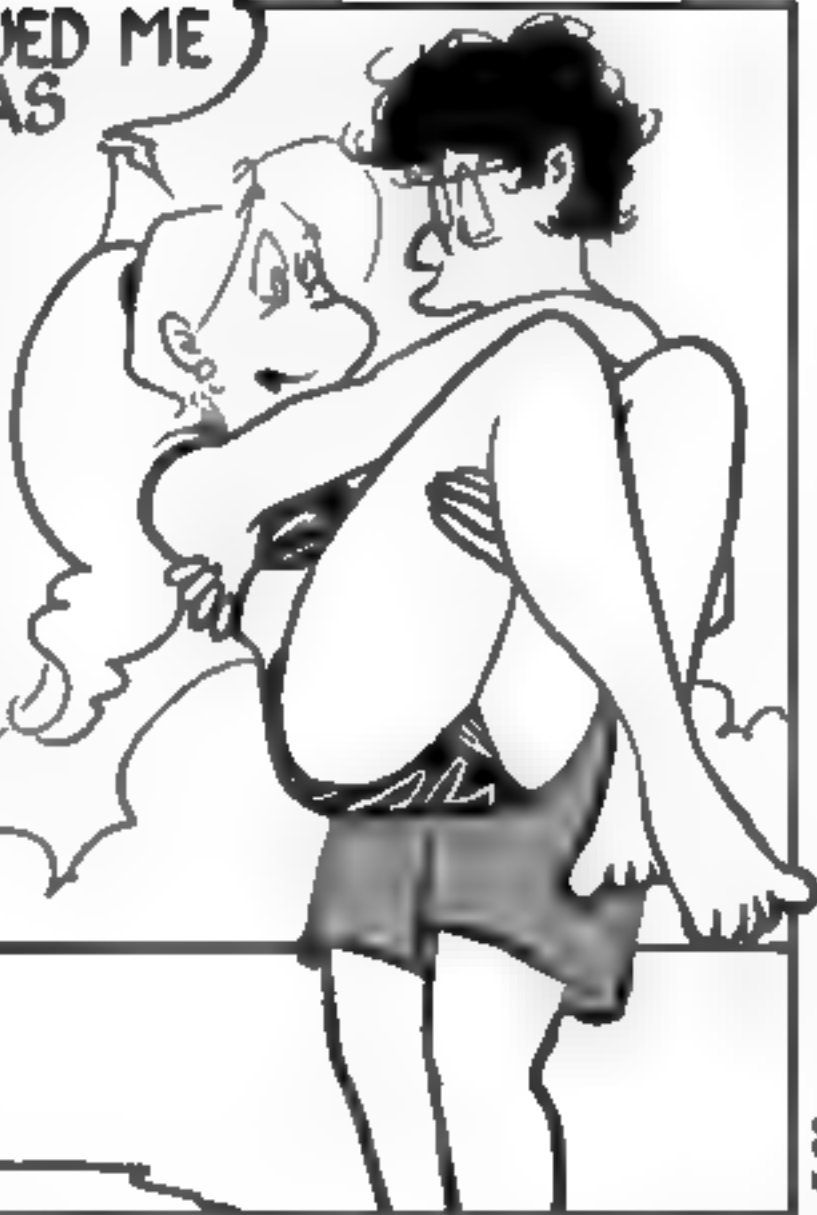


ACTIONS
ALL PARTIES
NEARLY COME
TO REGRET

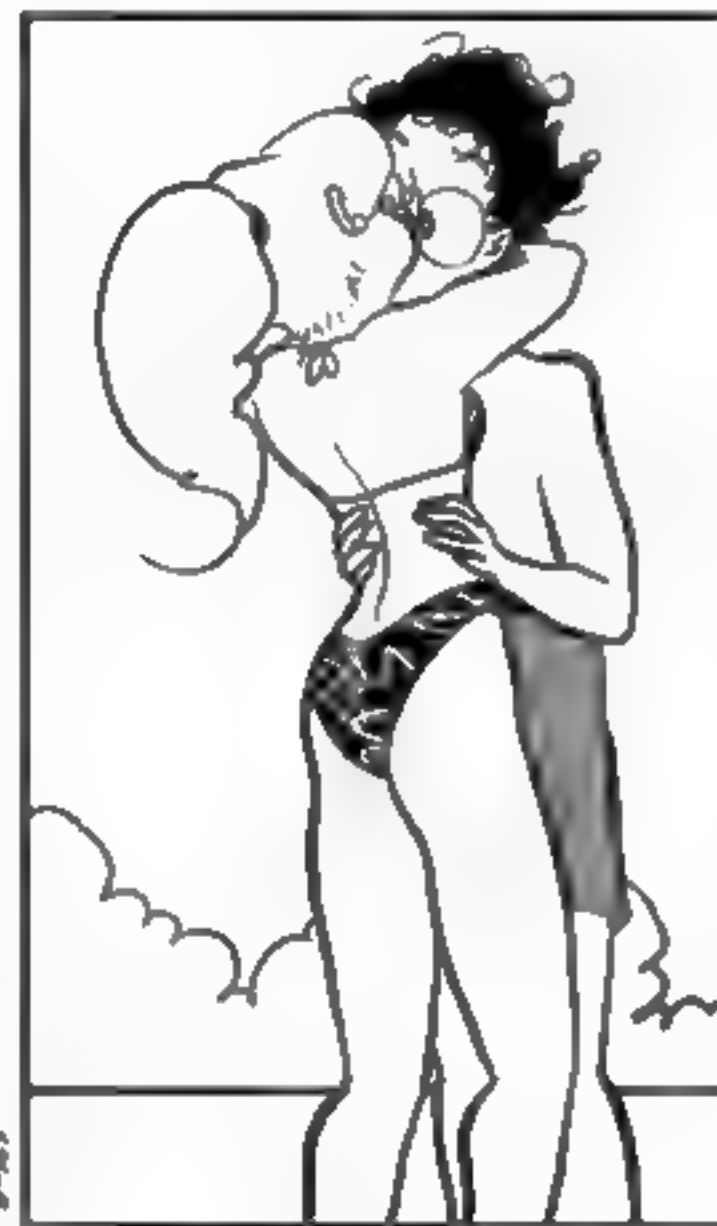




YOU RESCUED ME
WHEN I WAS
AFRAID IN
THE SEA.
YOU WERE
MY
CHAMPION,
MY
DEFENDER,
MY
PALADIN!



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IF THERE'S ONE THING NICER THAN
A PALADIN, IT'S A PALADIN
WHOSE KNEES GIVE
OUT WHEN YOU
KISS HIM.



WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR SO LONG, I ALWAYS SEE MARRIAGE AS OUR DESTINY.

YES, BUT WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO MARRY SOMEONE SWEET YET PASSIONATE...



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...SOMEONE DARKLY ROMANTIC AND SENSUALLY INTOXICATING?

WELL, THAT WOULD BE YOU.



AND THAT WOULD BE ME, RIGHT?...

RIGHT?



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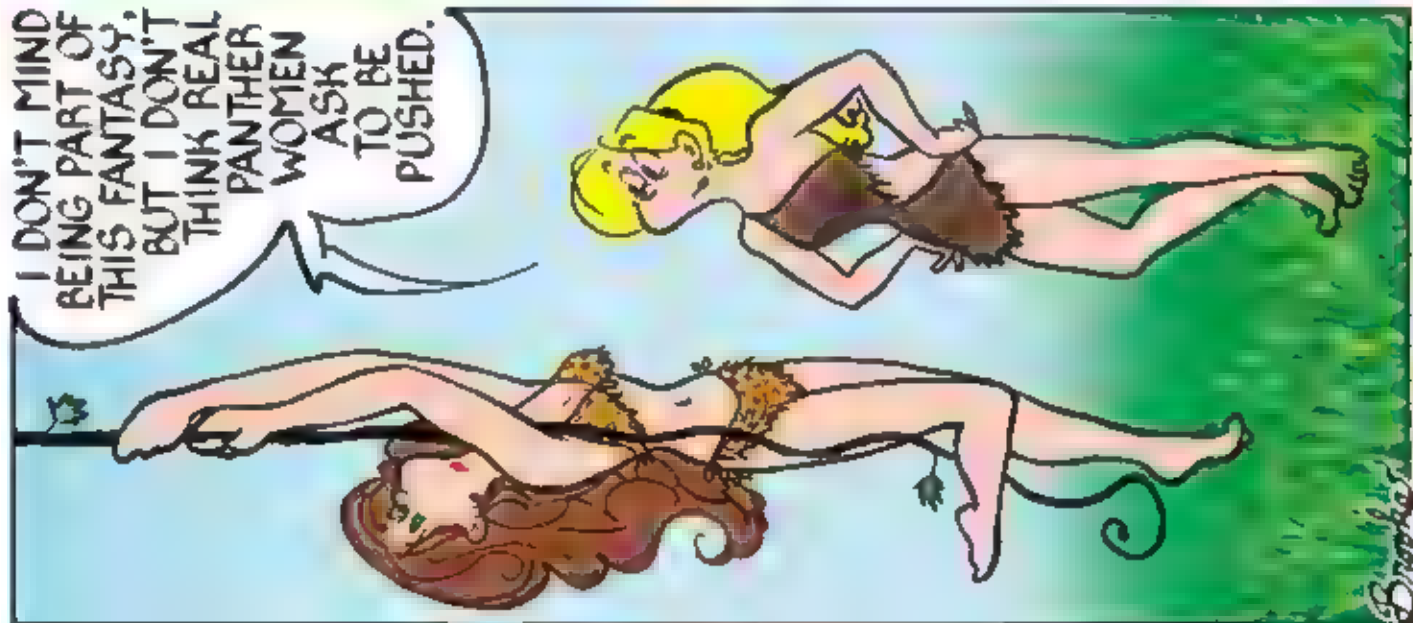


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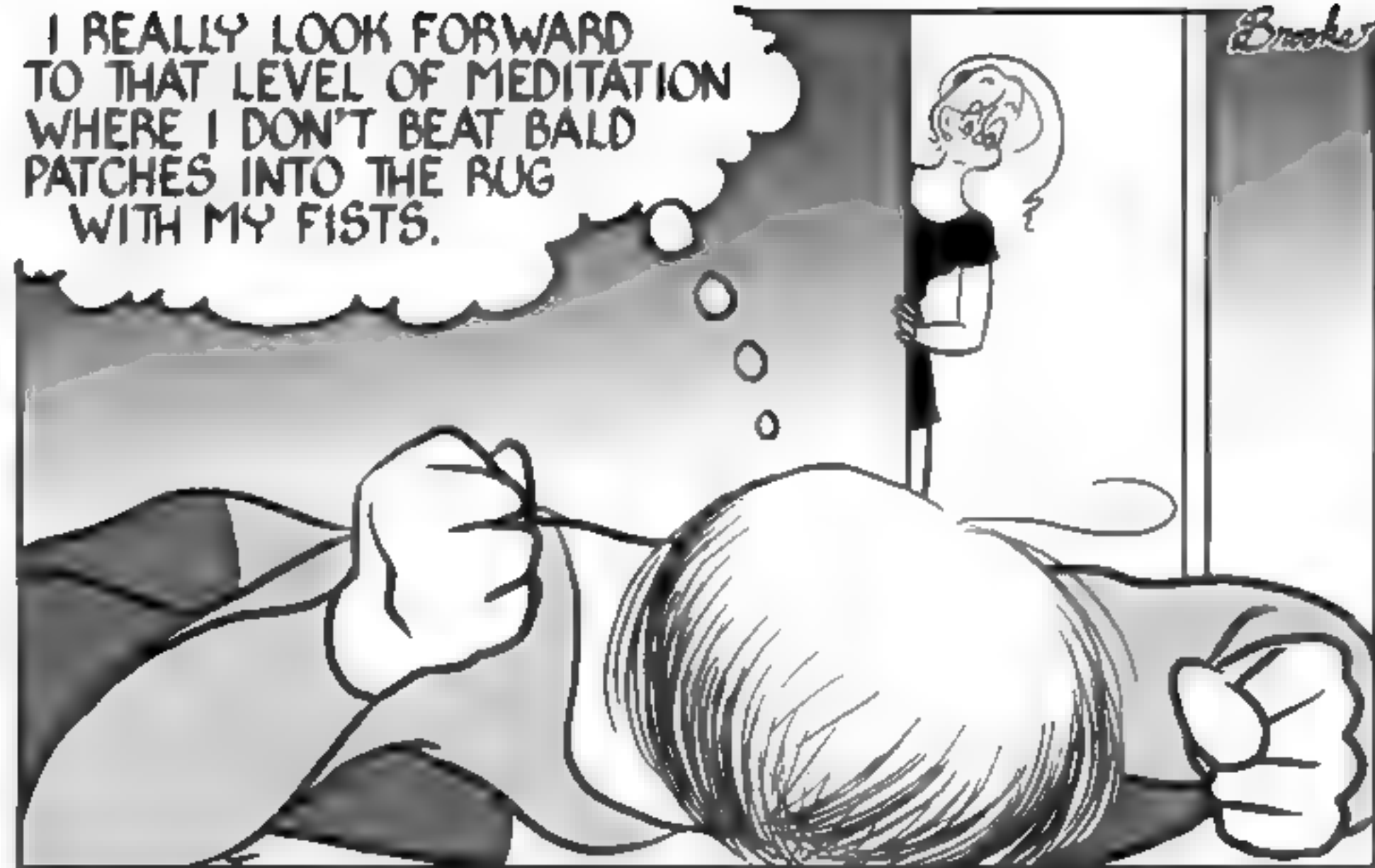
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I DON'T MIND
BEING PART OF
THIS FANTASY,
BUT I DON'T
THINK REAL
PANTHER
WOMEN
ASK
TO BE
PUSHED.







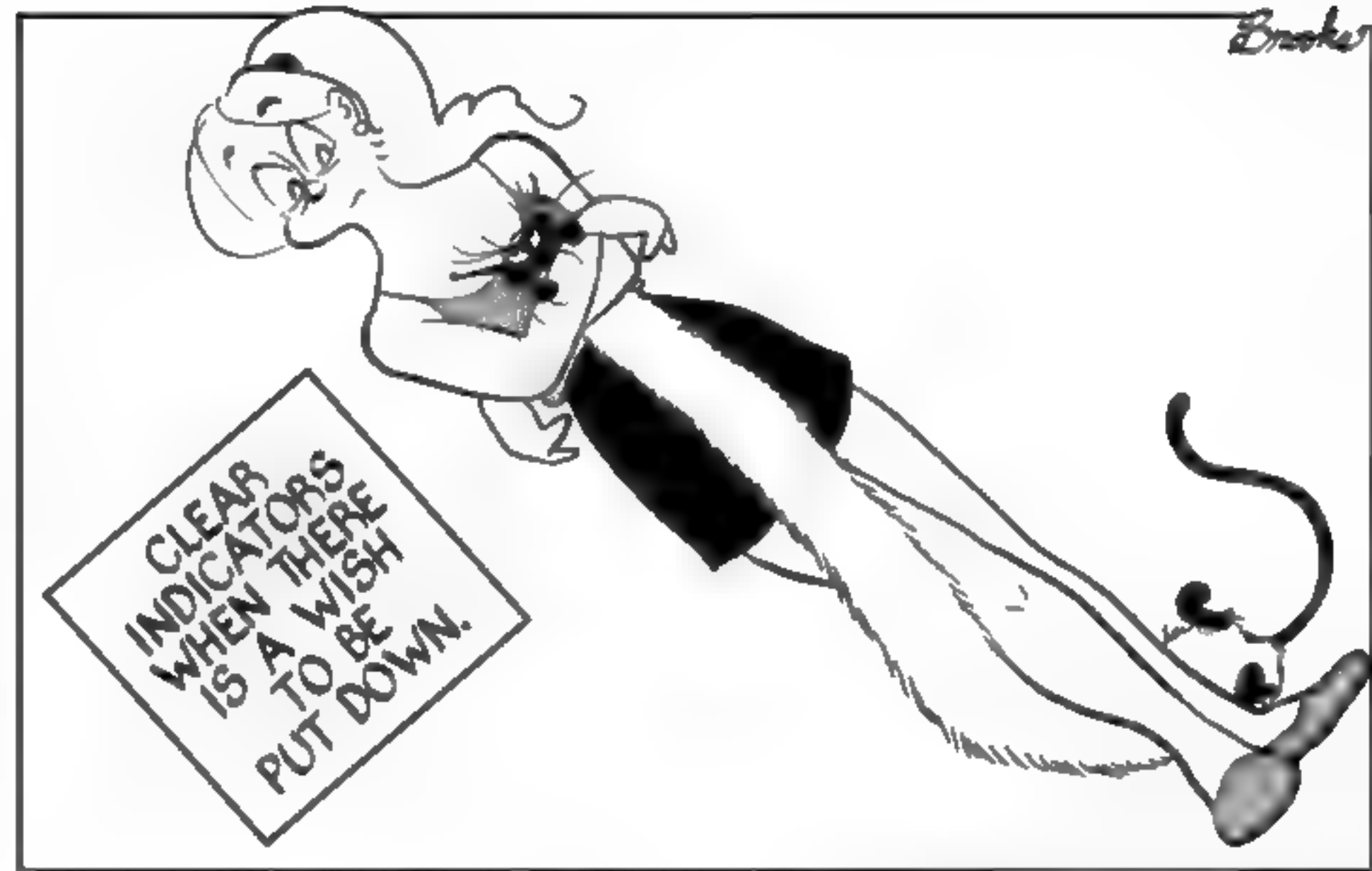


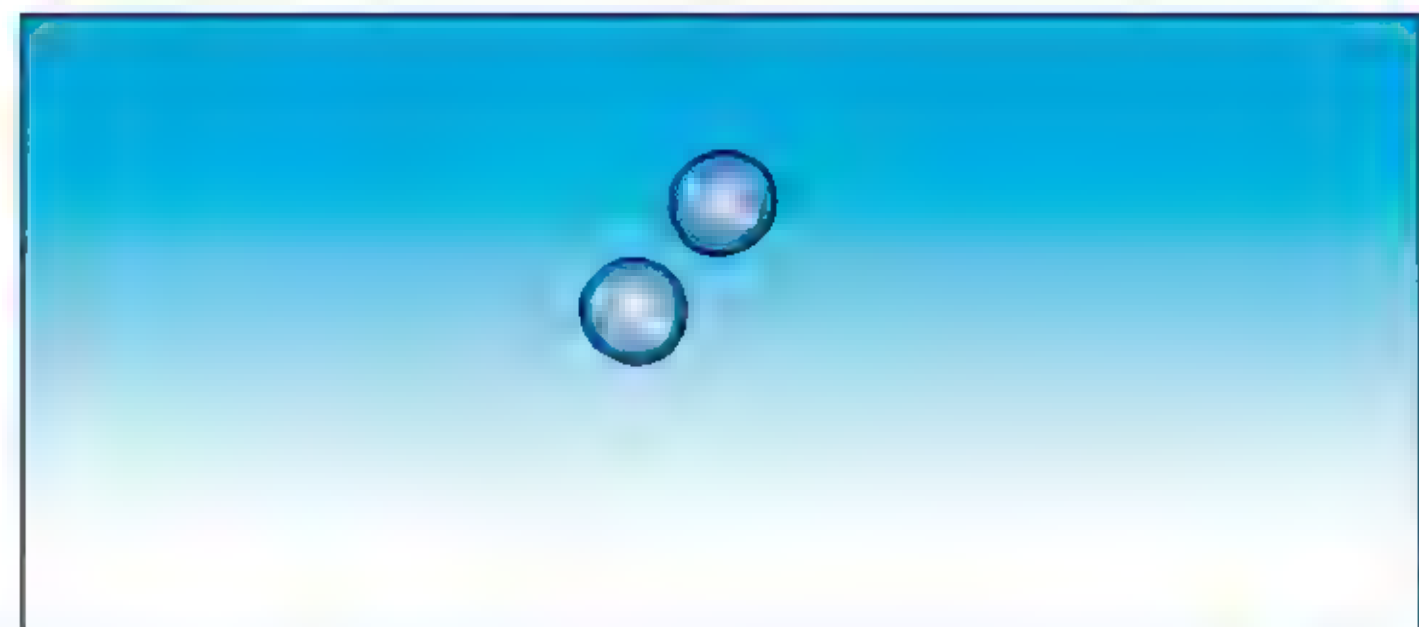
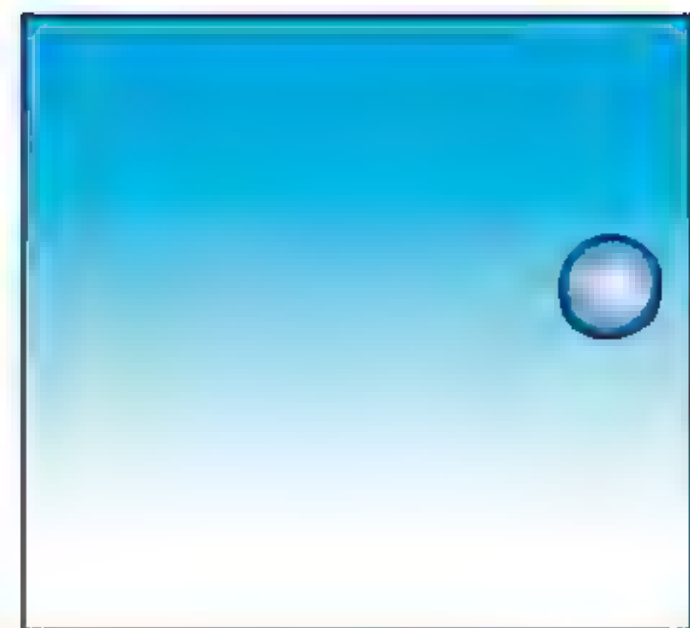
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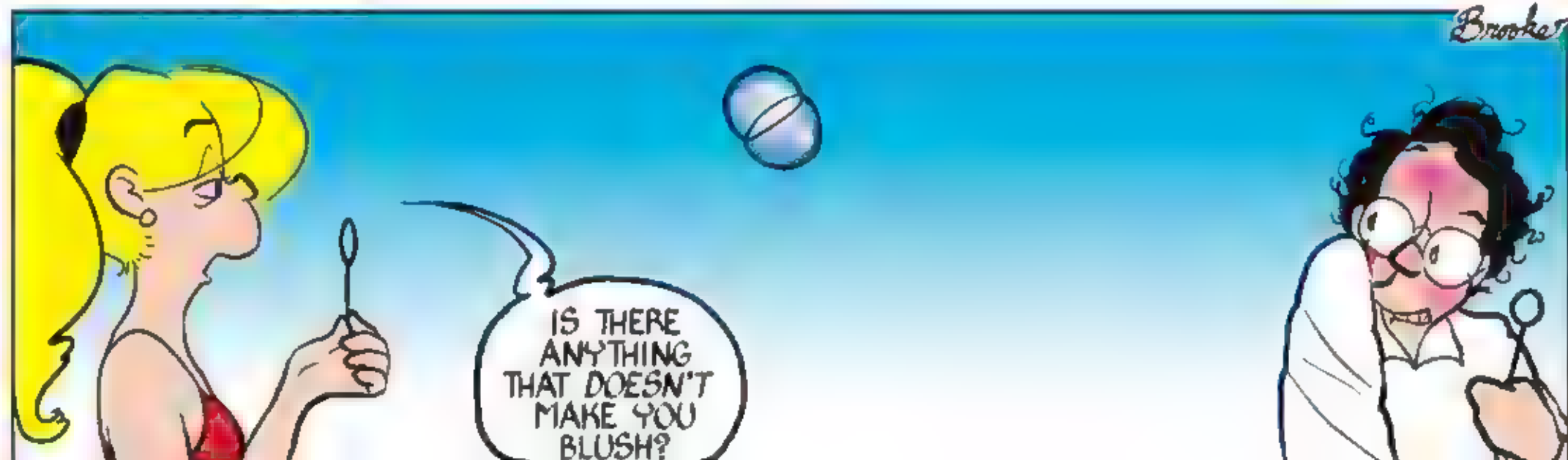
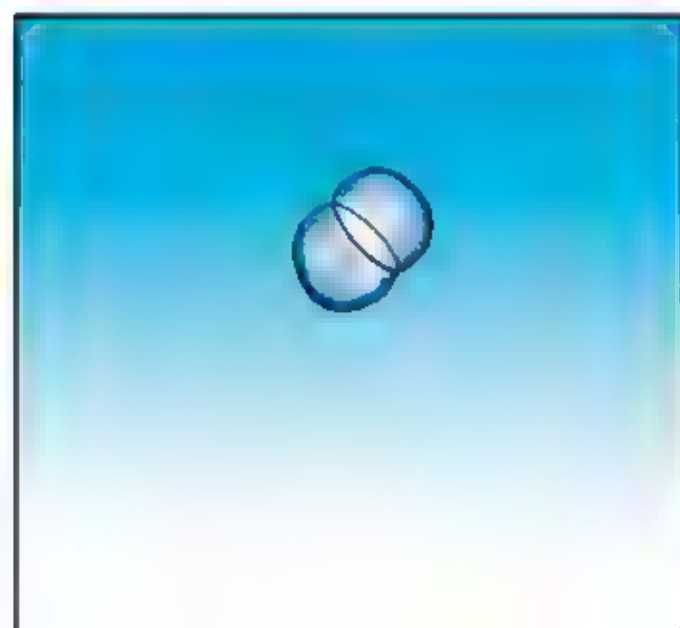


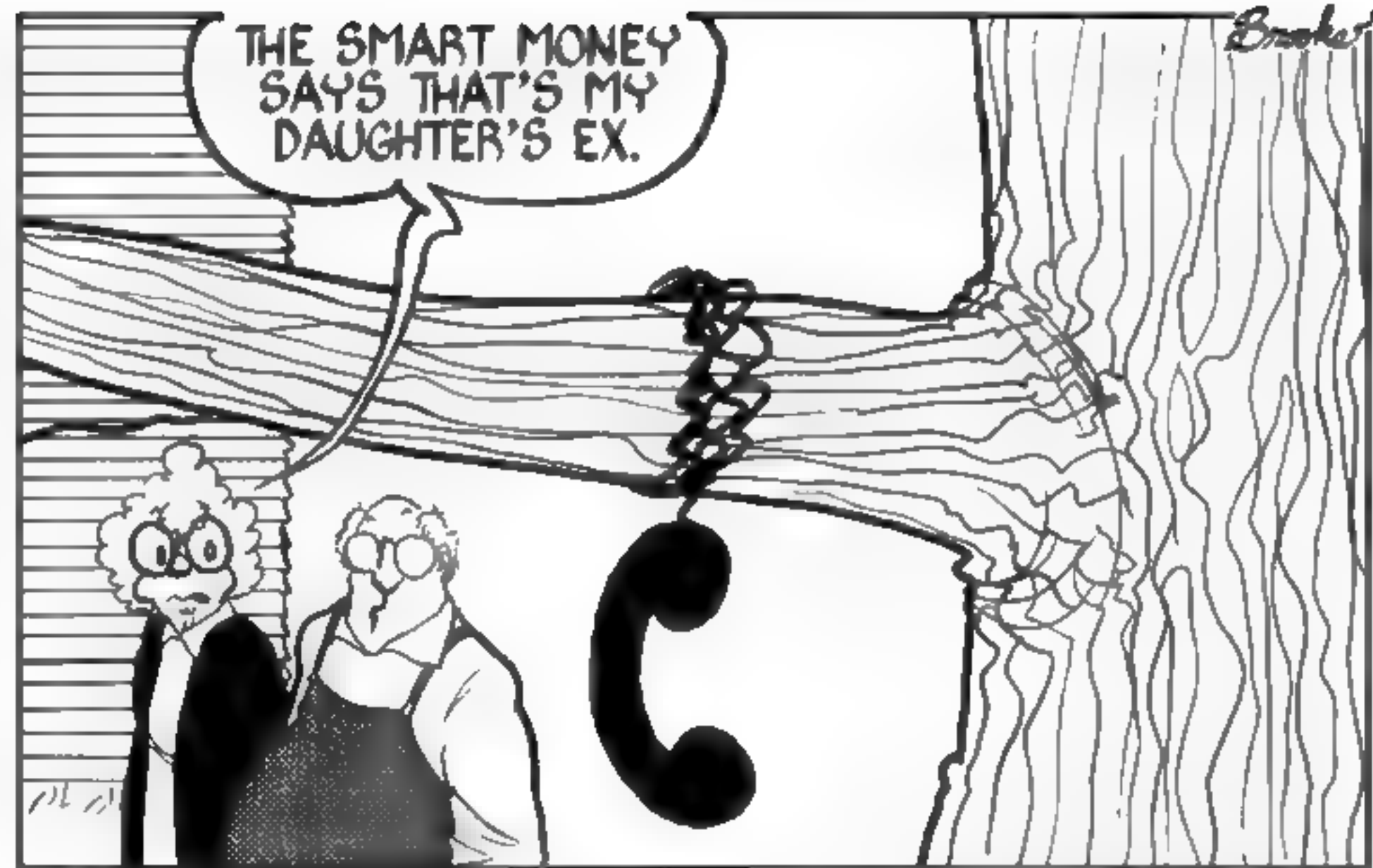
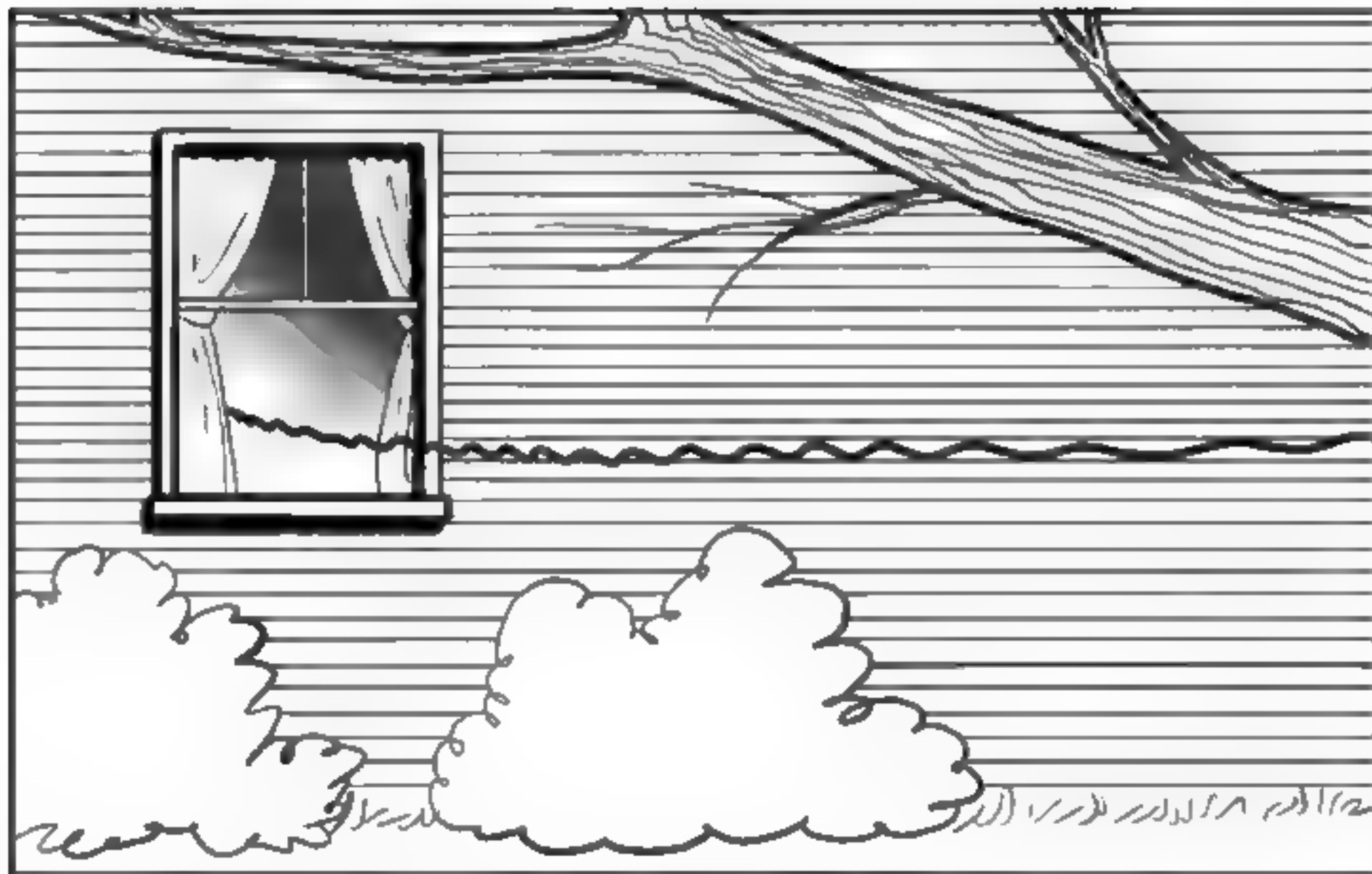


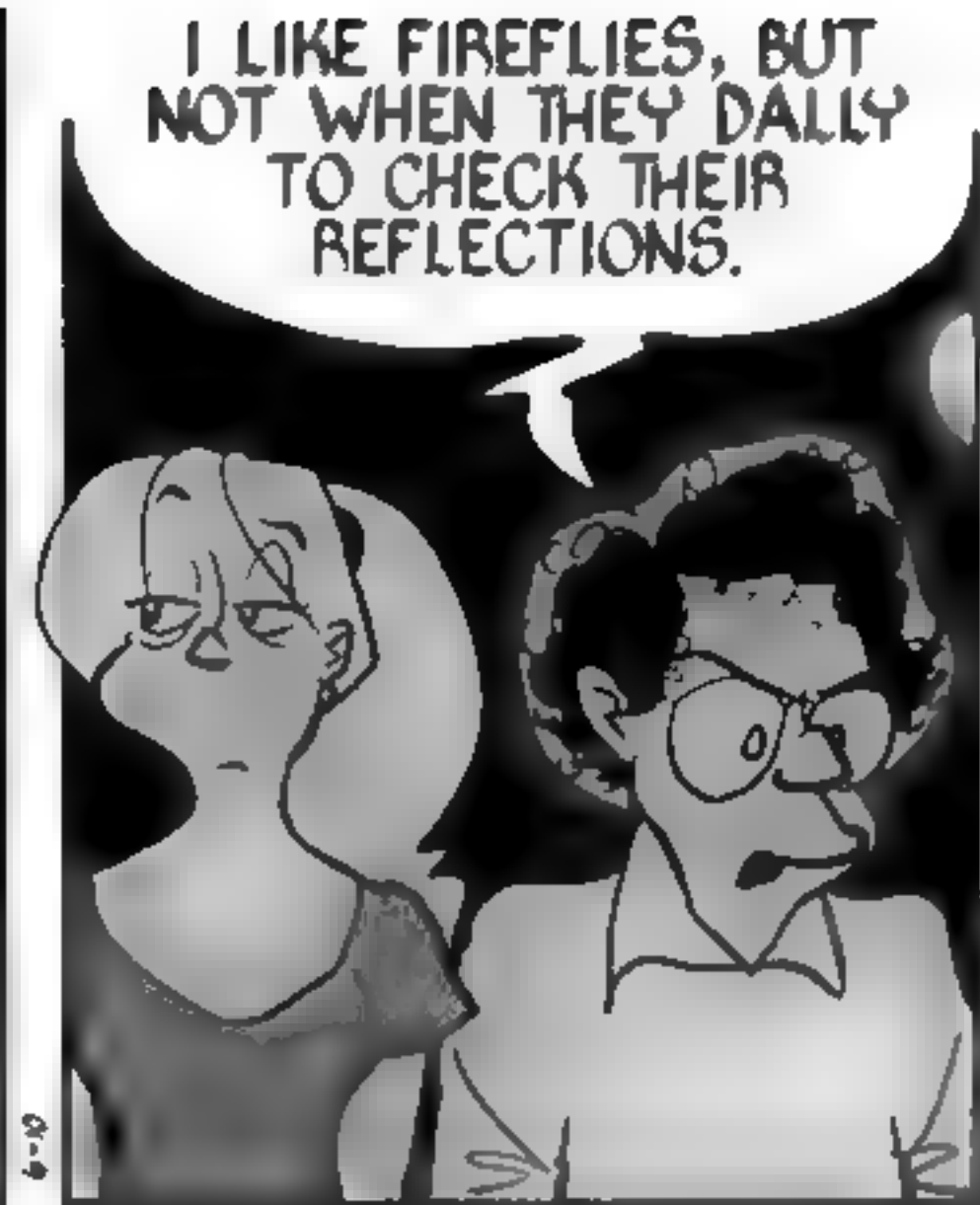




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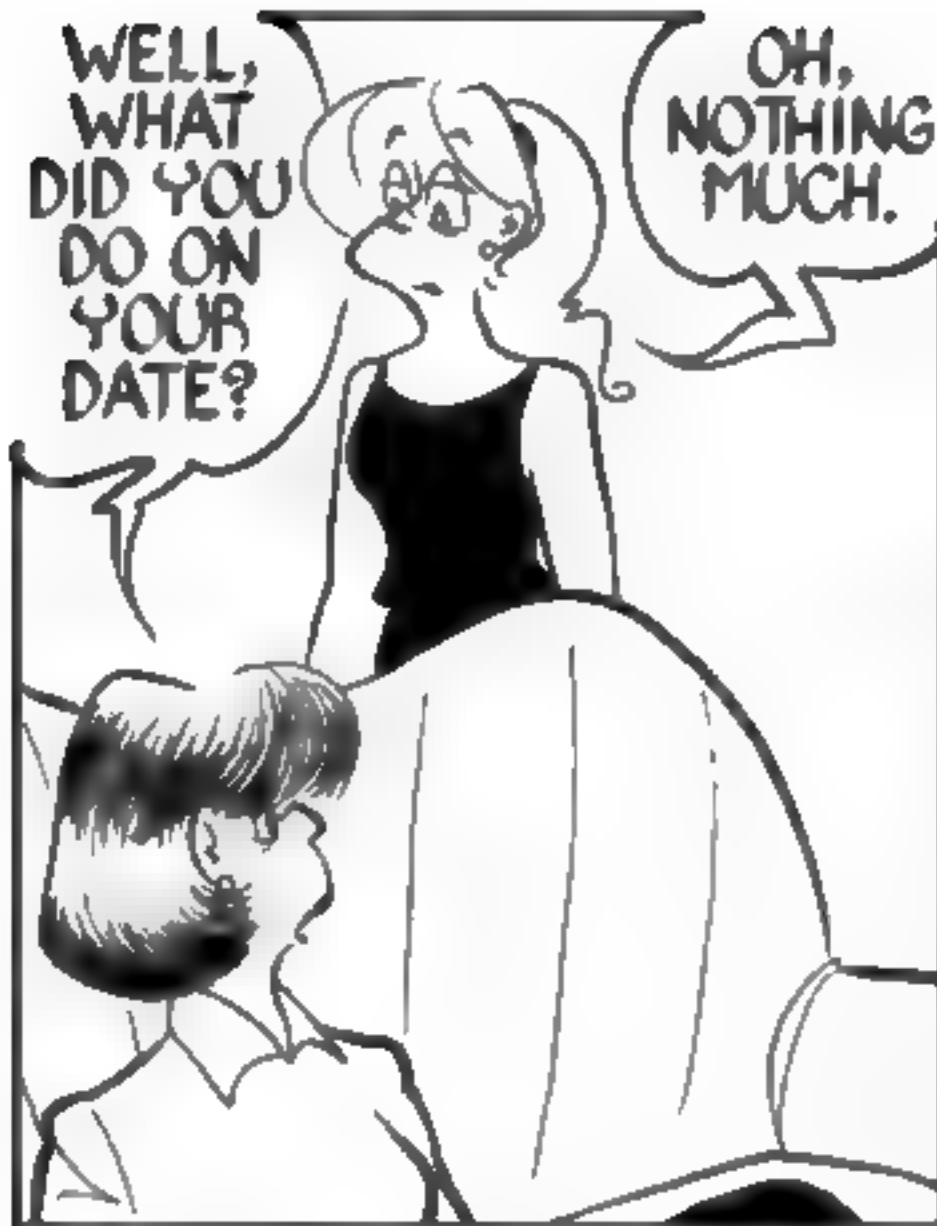


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EVER-NEW
EPISODES OF
"TOE HUNTER"





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IT MUST BE NICE JUST
TO BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN
NOW AND RELAX,
EH, HONEY?



WHEN YOU'VE
BEEN TAKING
EXAMS ALL
DAY, IT'S
HARD TO
DEMOBILIZE.



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AN APPEAL
FOR
THRILL-SEEKERS



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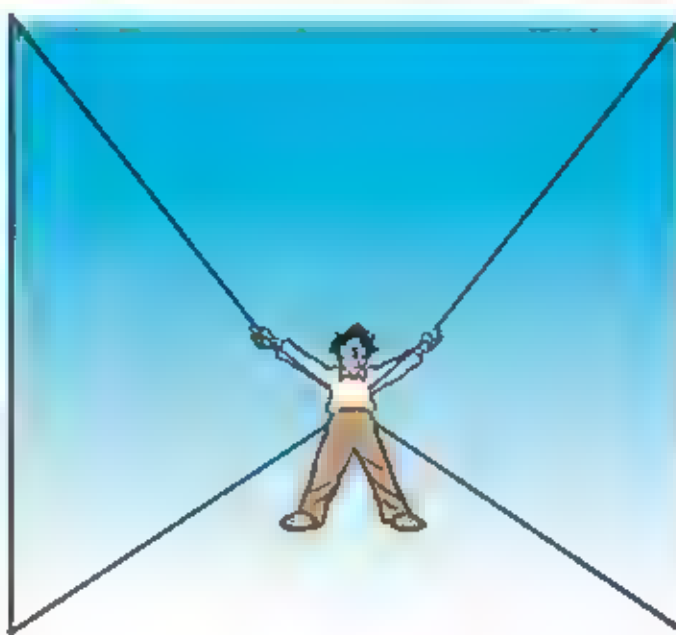


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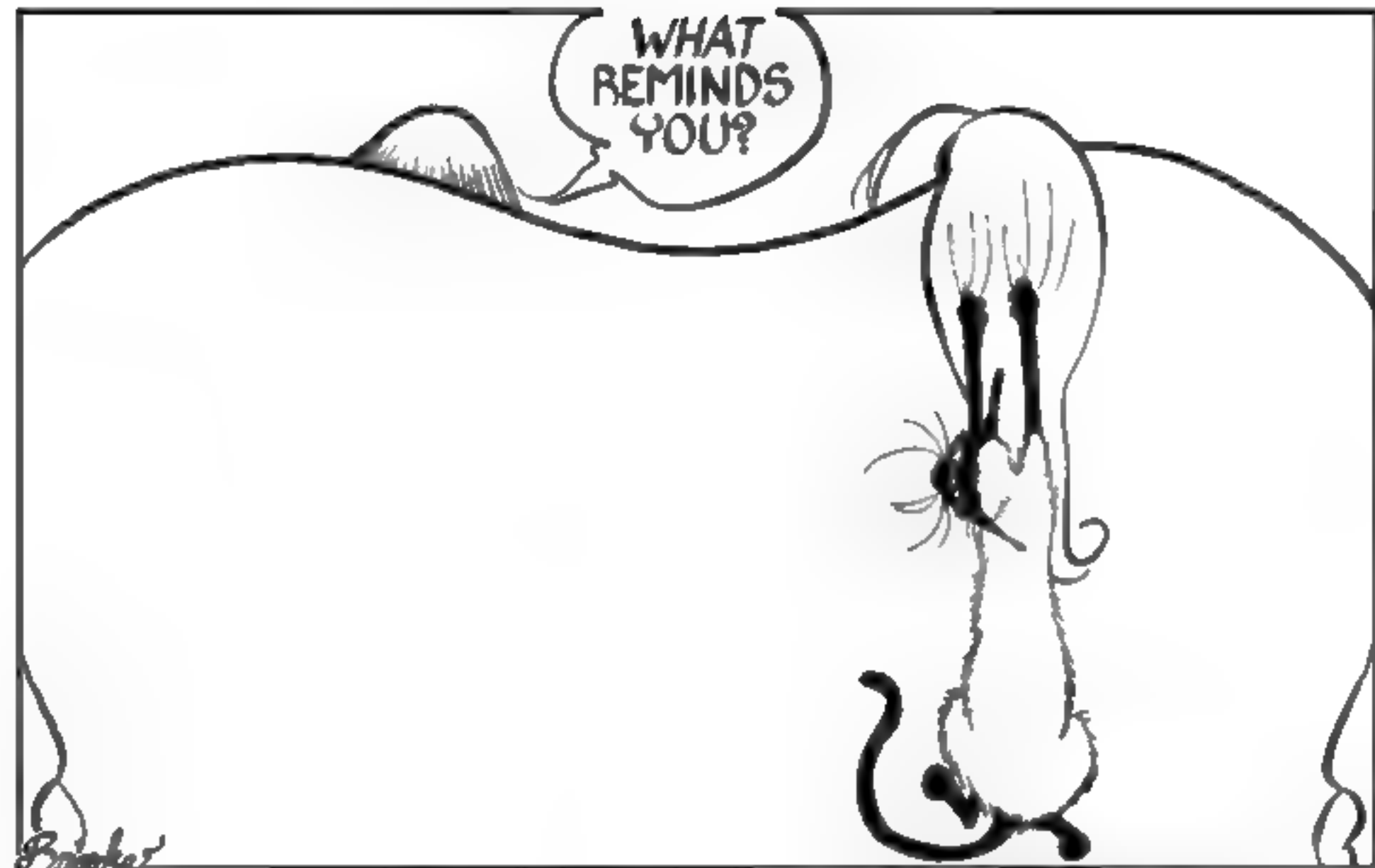
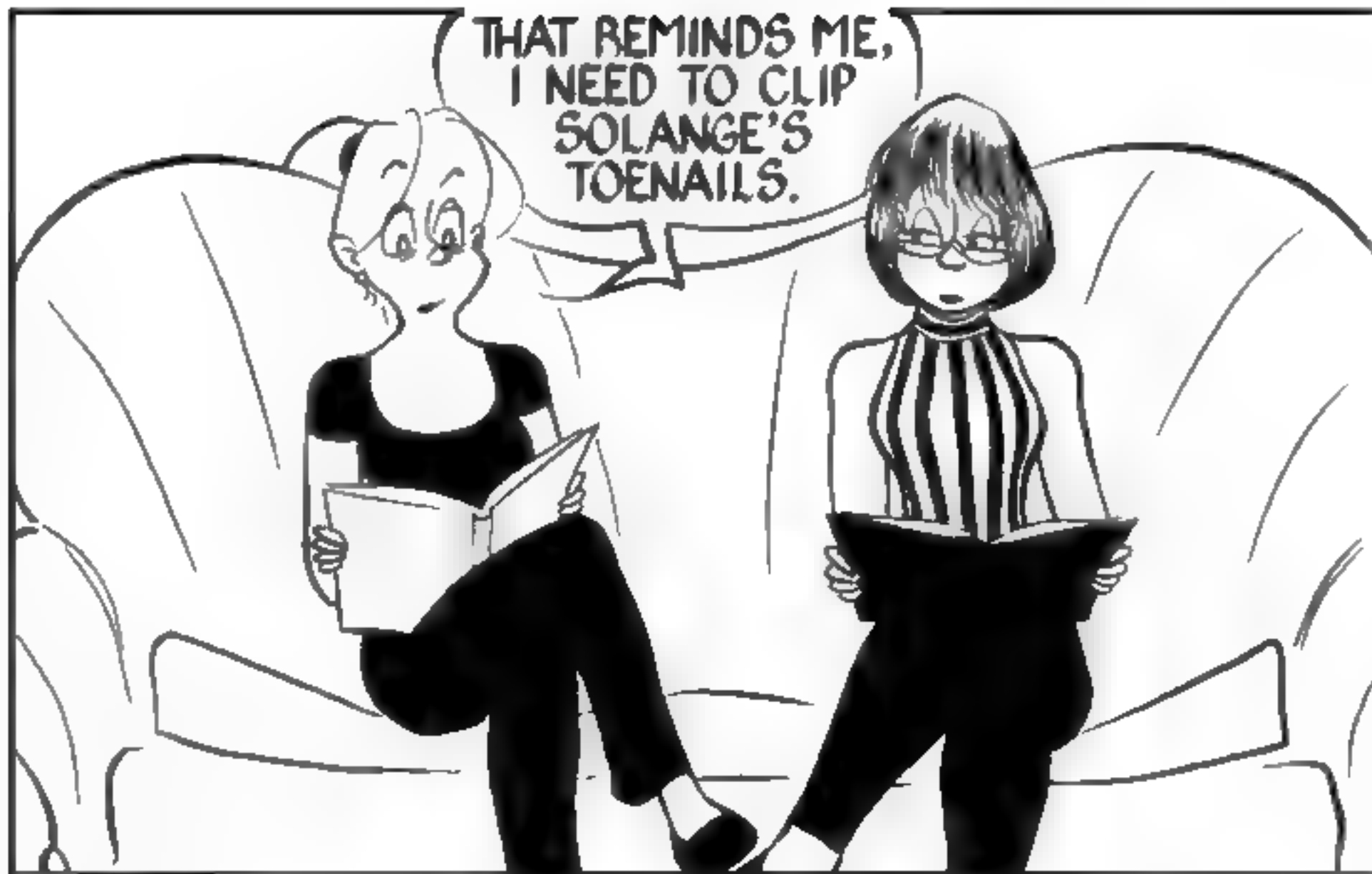


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WHEN WILL
BUNGEE
CARTOONING
BE
OUTLAWED?





YOU KNOW, AN OLD
TRADITION SAYS THAT IF
A MAN AND A WOMAN
WATCH A FALLING STAR
TOGETHER, THEY WILL
BE IN LOVE FOR-
EVER AND
ALWAYS.



WHAT OLD
TRADITION
IS THAT?

IT'S ANCIENT...
...UM...
ETRUSCAN.



I'M NEITHER ANCIENT,
NOR ETRUSCAN.



SHOOT.



YOU KNOW, AN OLD
TRADITION SAYS THAT IF
A MAN AND A WOMAN
WATCH A FALLING STAR
TOGETHER, THEY WILL
BE IN LOVE FOR-
EVER AND
ALWAYS.



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"TITLEIST"?

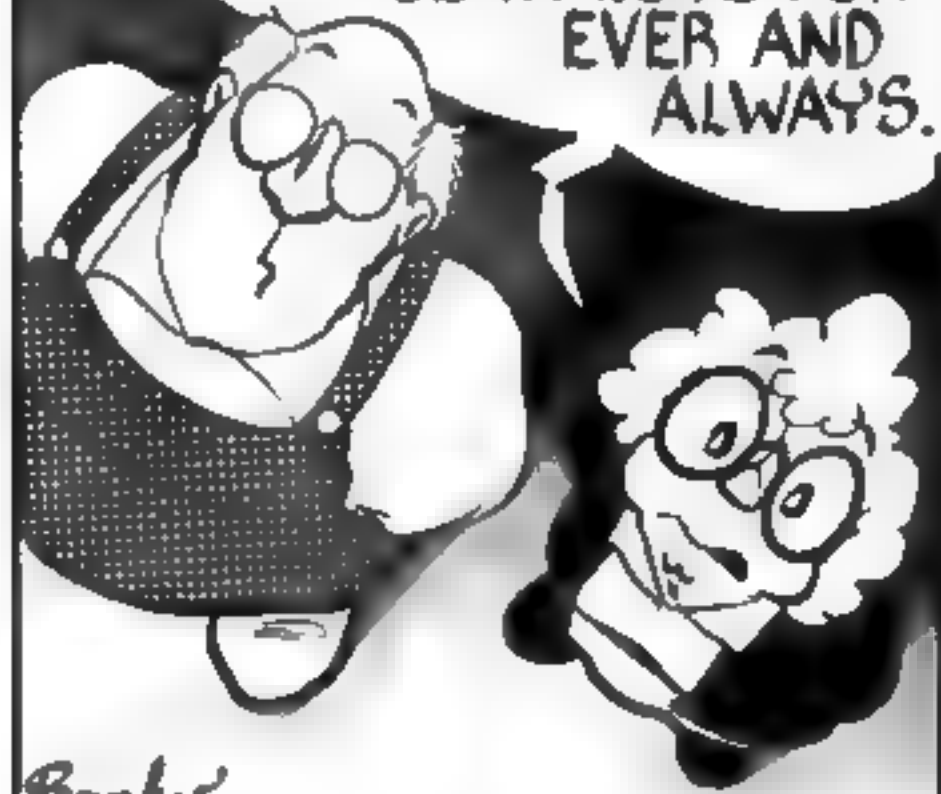


THAT'LL DO
FOR ME!



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YOU KNOW, AN OLD TRADITION SAYS THAT IF A MAN AND A WOMAN WATCH A FALLING STAR TOGETHER, THEY WILL BE IN LOVE FOREVER AND ALWAYS.



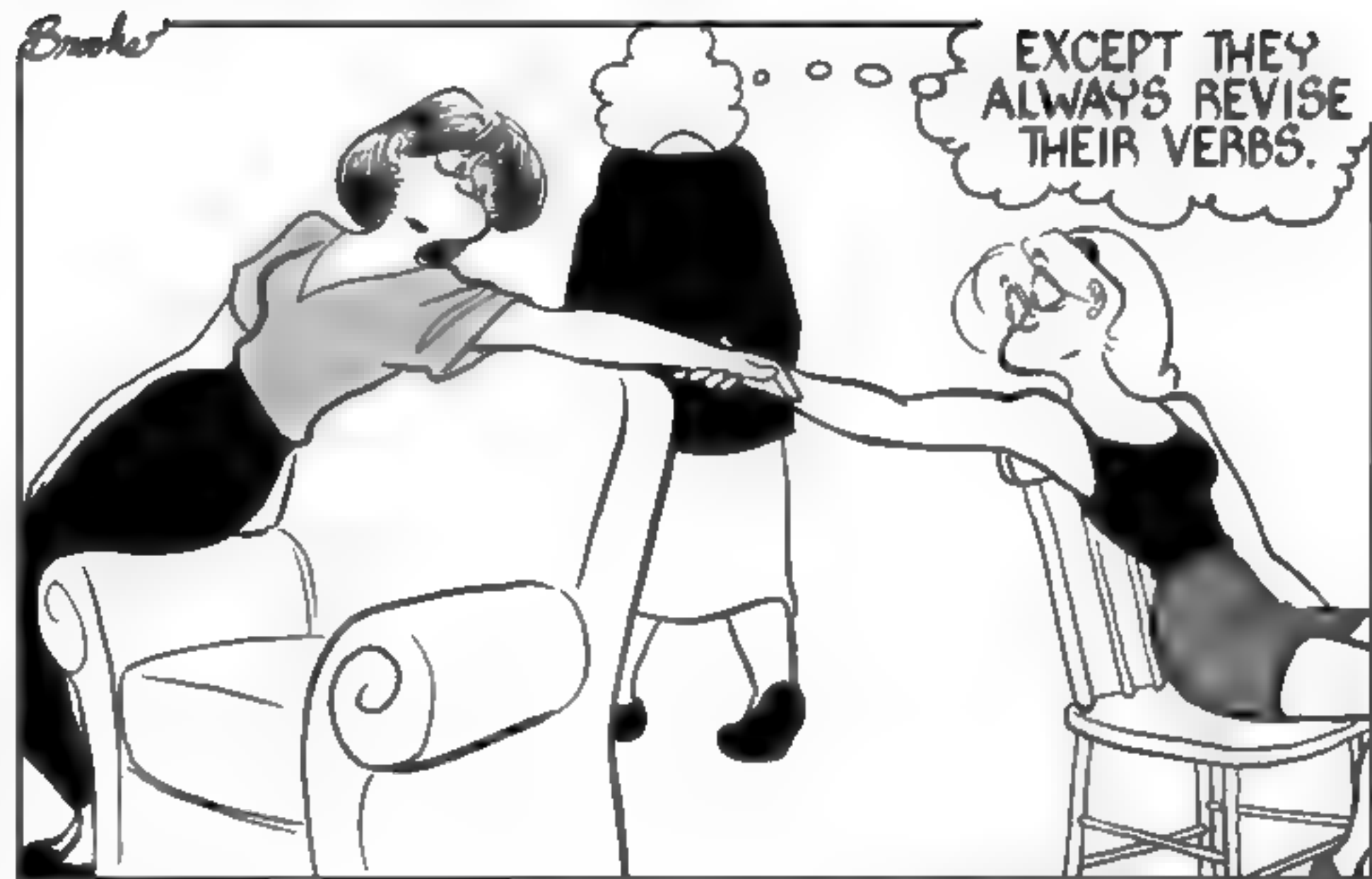
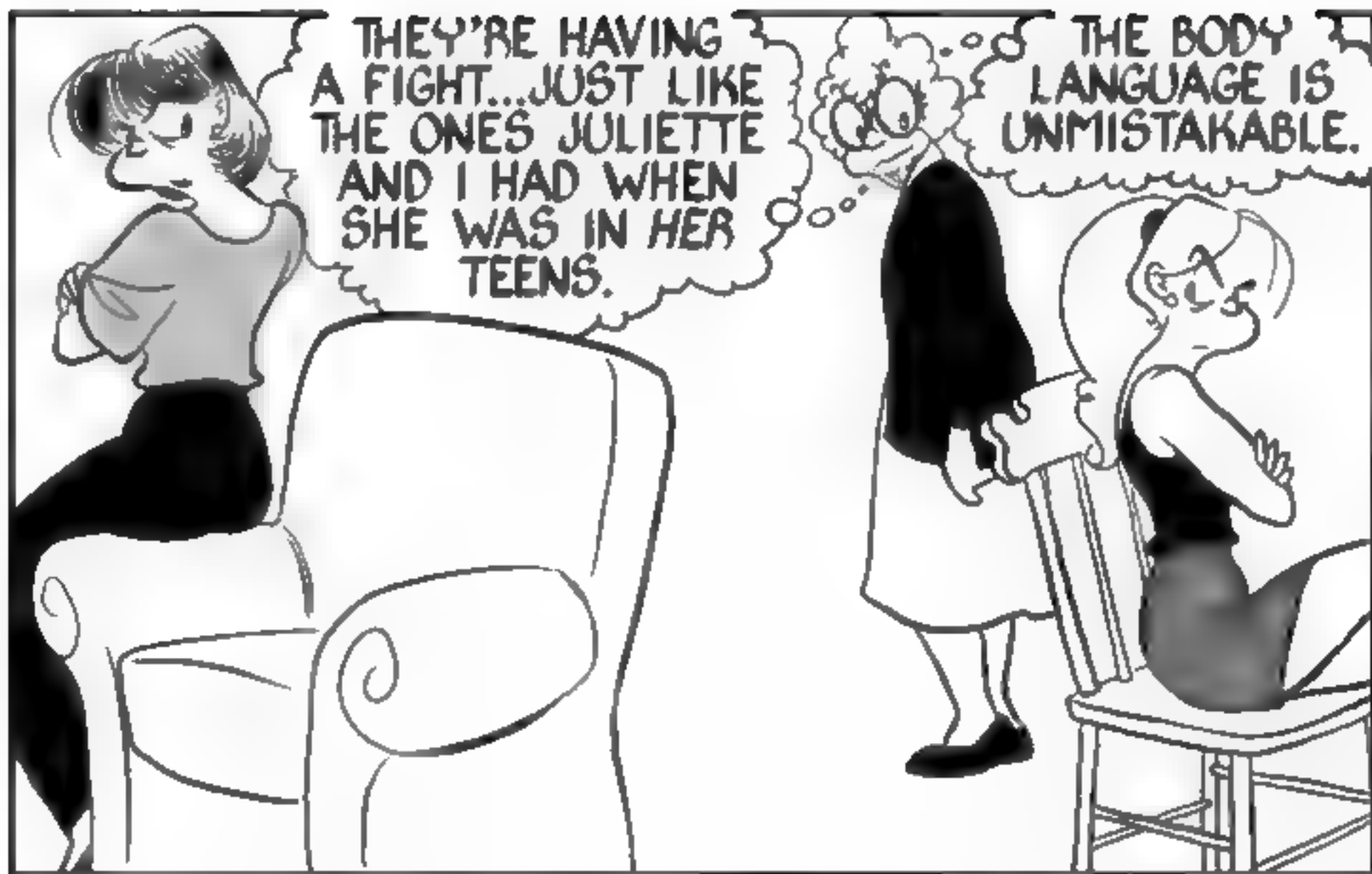
Brooks

UNLESS, OF COURSE, THEY'RE IN ITS PATH, IN WHICH CASE THEY'LL BE VAPORIZED OR INCINERATED BEYOND RECOGNITION.



DON'T STOP! YOU'RE TALKING MY LANGUAGE!





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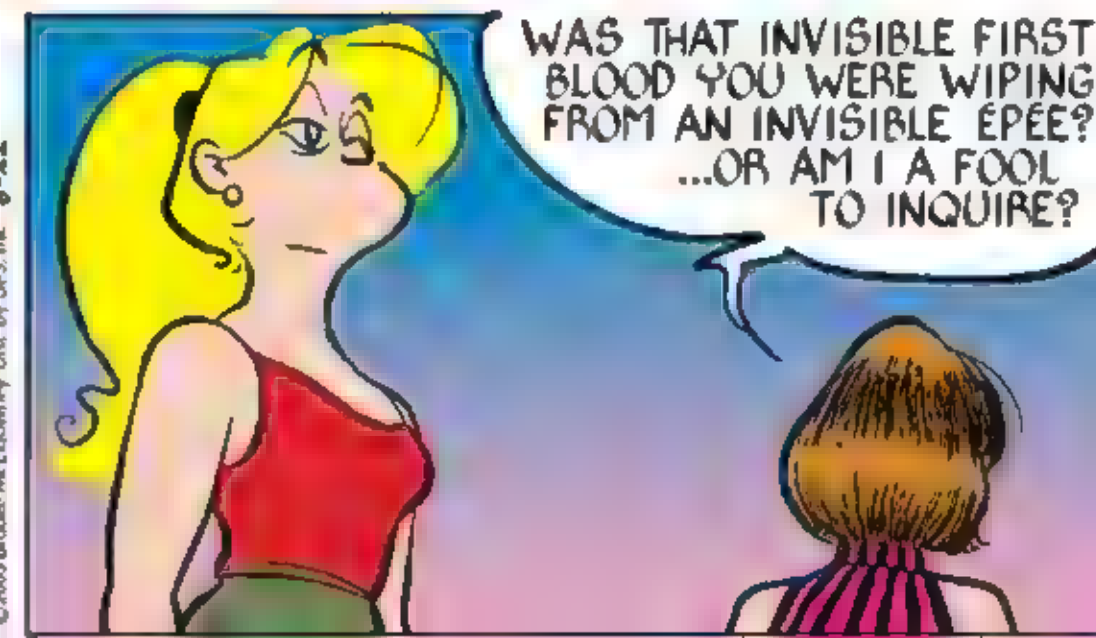
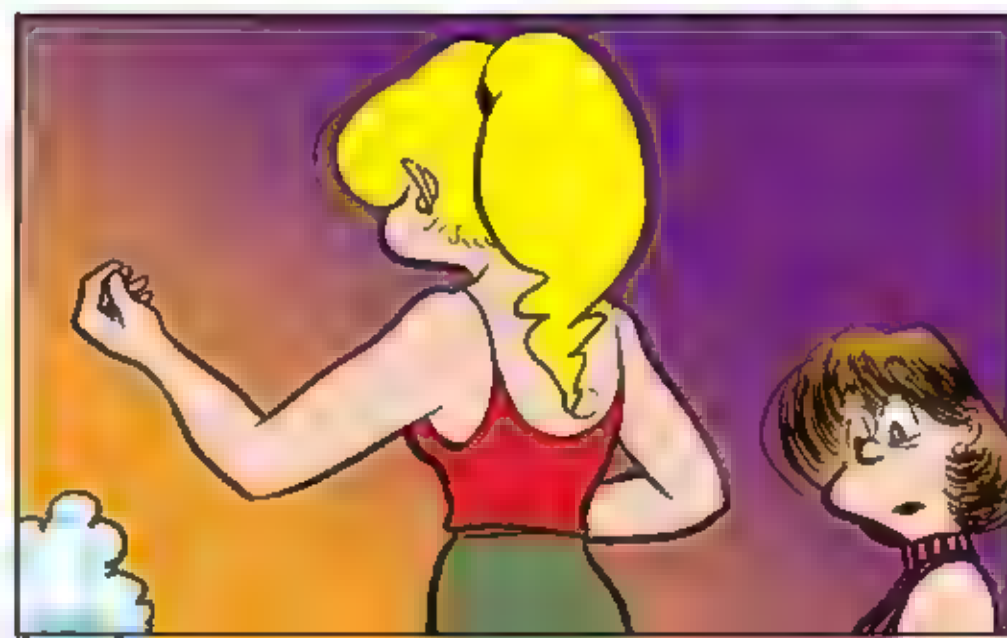
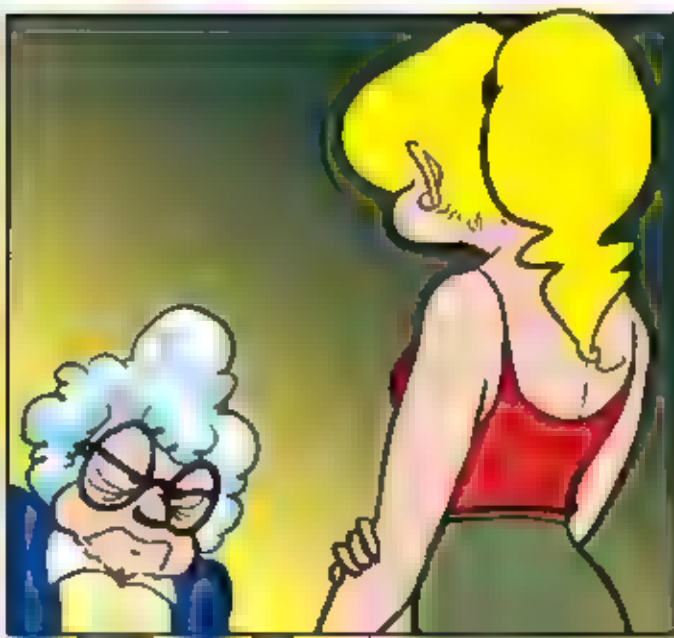
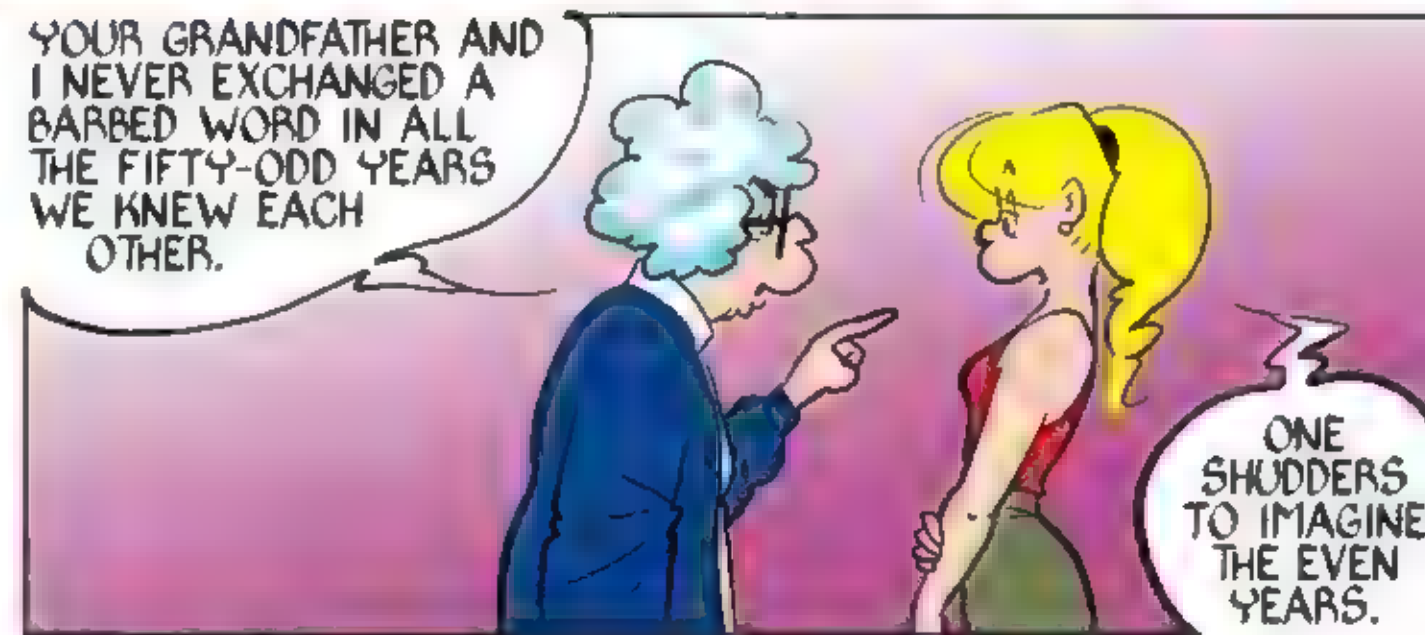
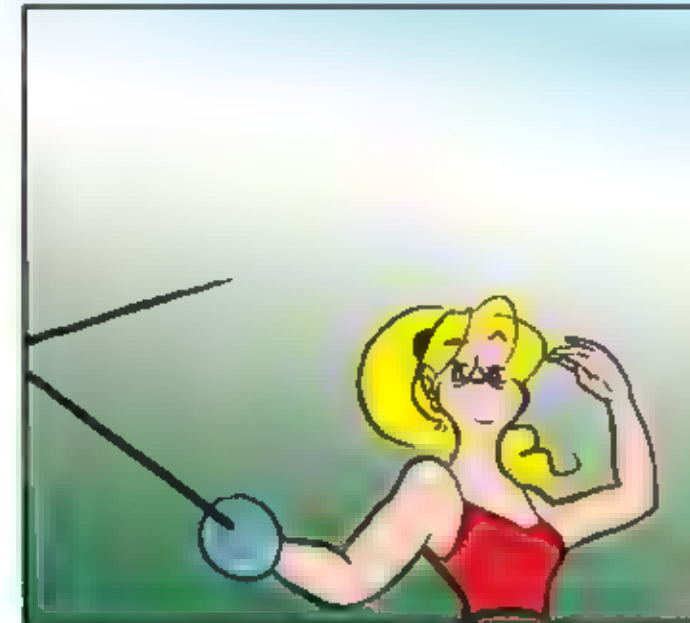
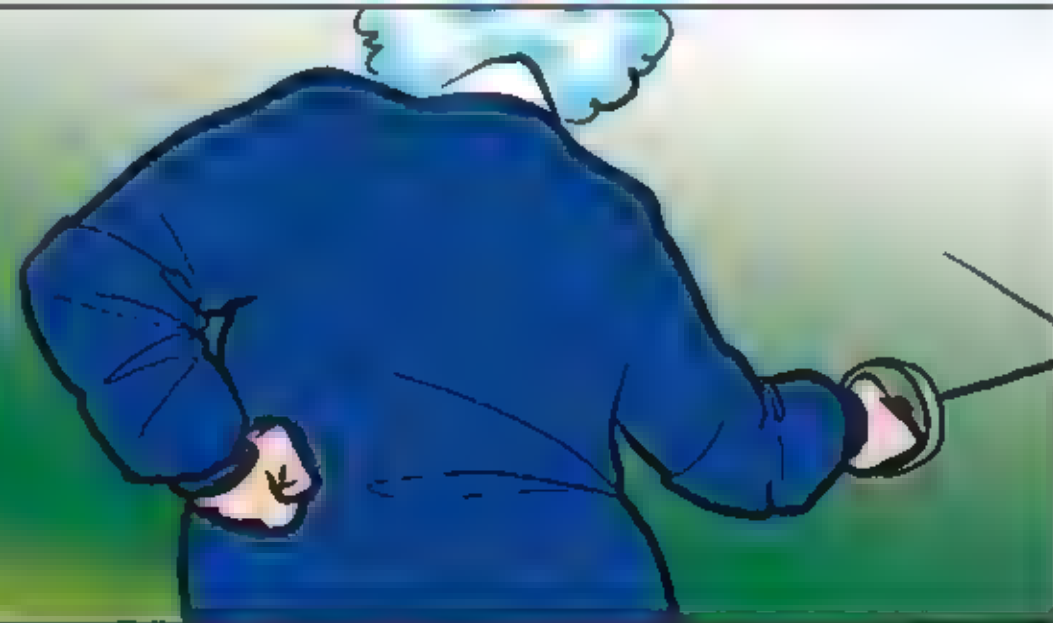


PRECISION
ASSAULTS ON
CARPET FLUFF



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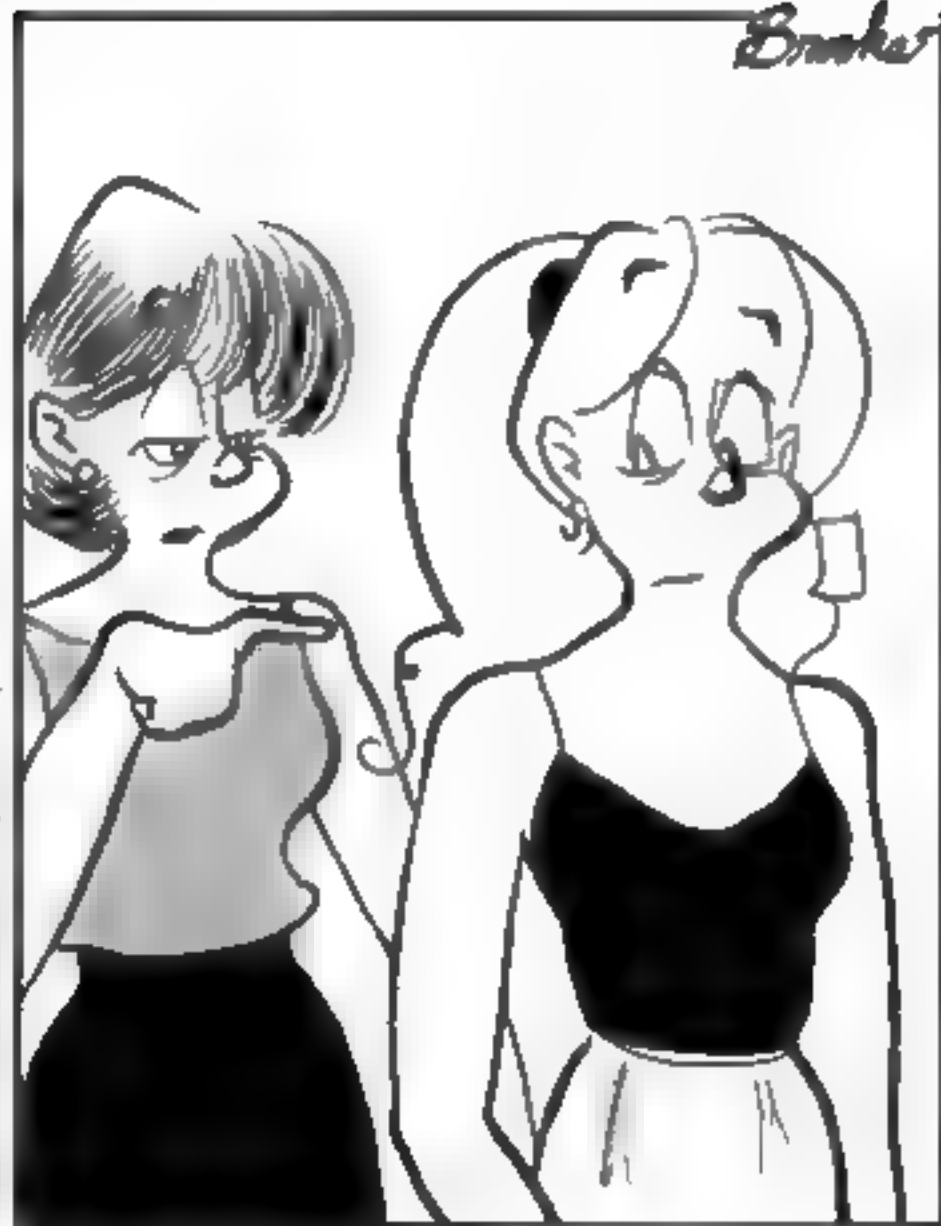
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MOM, WOULD YOU SAY THIS
CAMISOLE MAKES ME LOOK
A LITTLE TOO...TOO...



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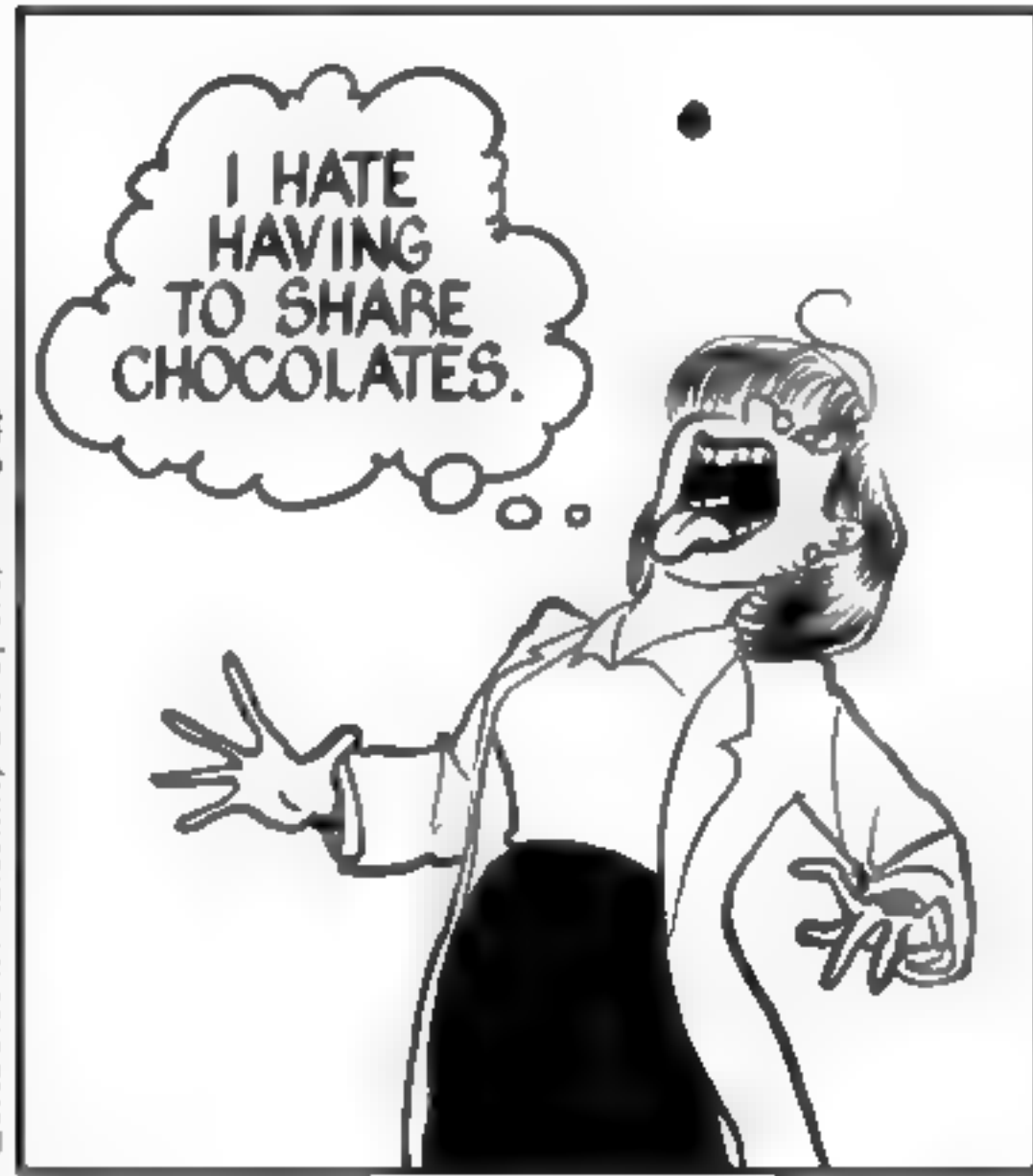


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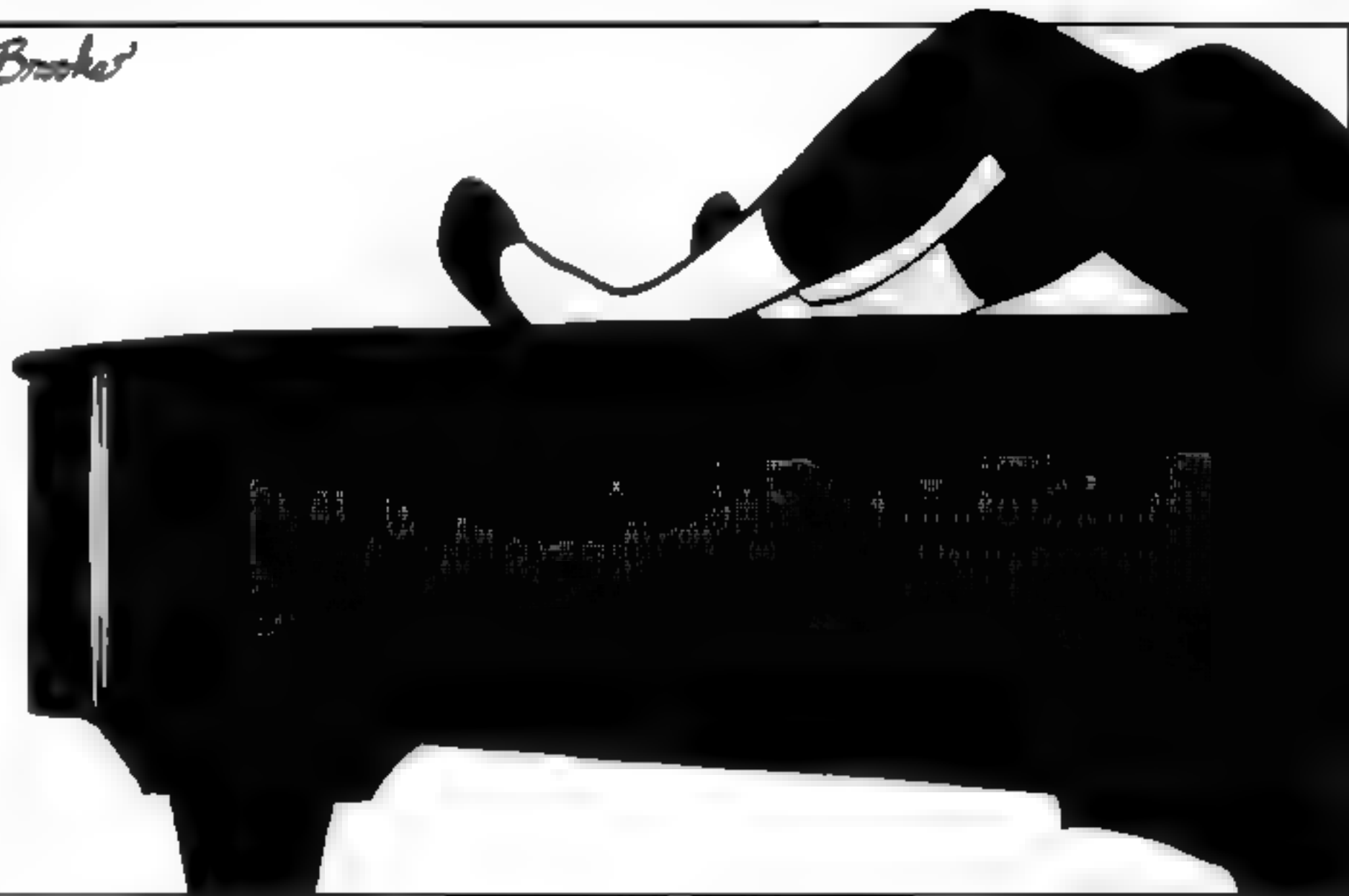




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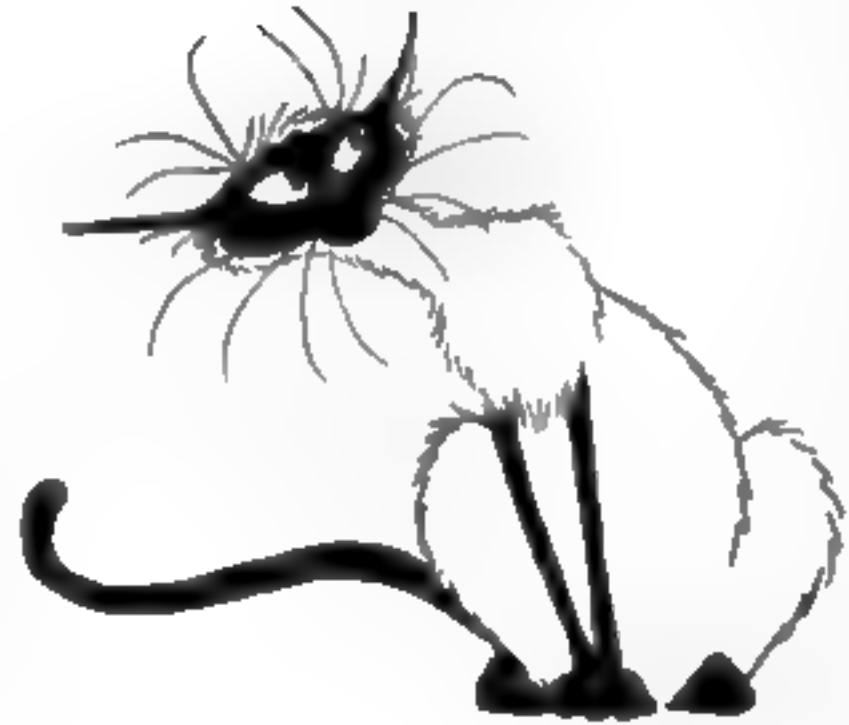
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I SEE...AND IF MOZART WENT
AND JUMPED OFF A CLIFF, WOULD
THAT MEAN YOU HAD TO GO
JUMP OFF A CLIFF?



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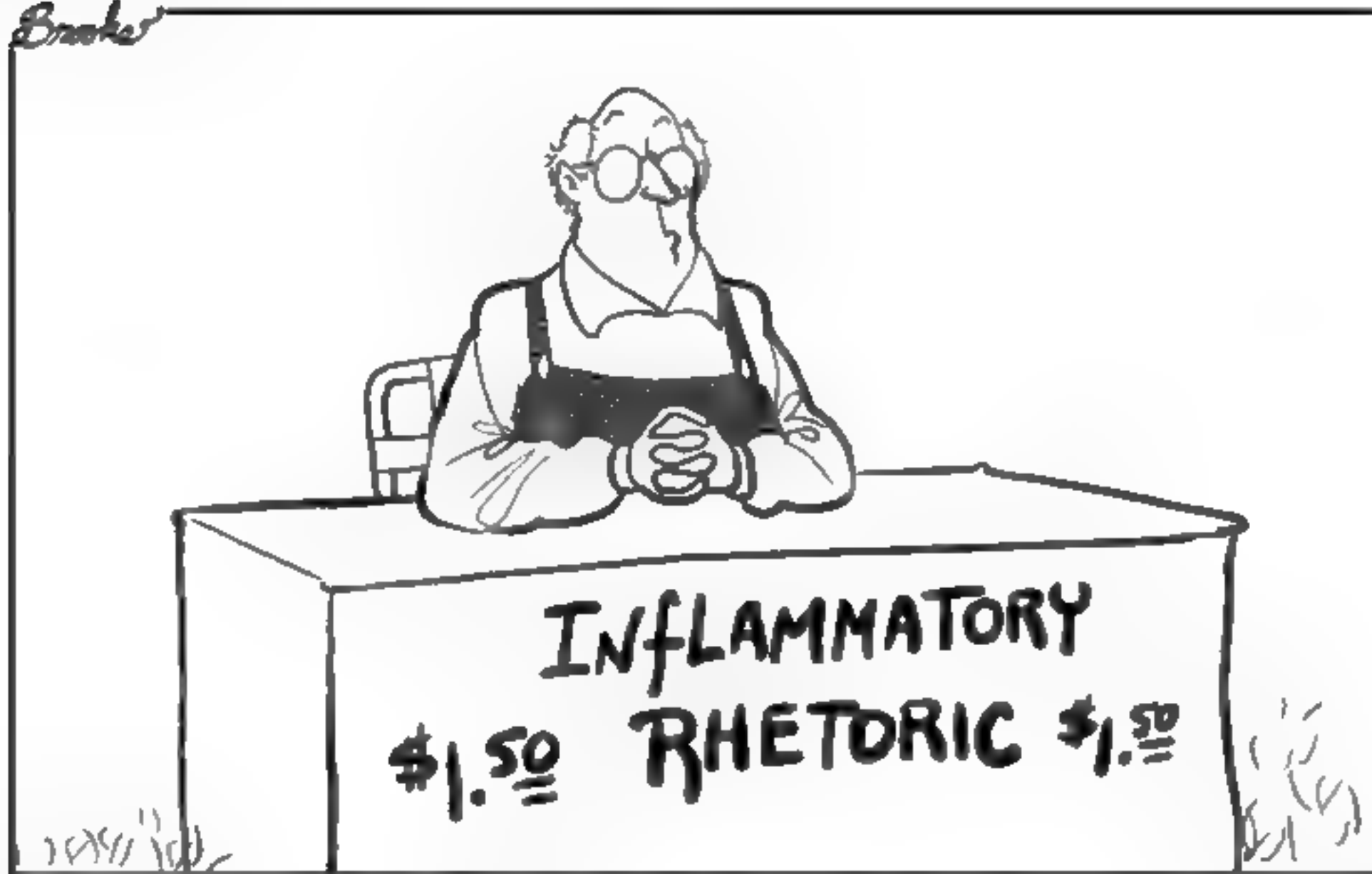
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ADVICE...



...AND
CONSENT.







READY...



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MARY IS THE ONLY
REALLY BEAUTIFUL
GIRL IN THE WORLD.



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SURELY NOT THE
"ONLY" ONE.



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IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH
YOUR BACK?

NO...
MY BACK,
AT LEAST,
IS FINE.



HONEY, AMOS CAN'T
CONCEIVE OF YOU AS AN
ALLURING FEMALE. TO HIM,
YOUR RELATION-
SHIP IS
PLATONIC.
...HE SEES
YOU AS
A SISTER.



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GET THIS STRAIGHT, DIP-
STICK!...I'M NOT PLATO, AND
I'M NOT YOUR SISTER! I'M
A VIBRANT, ATTRACTIVE
INDIVIDUAL IN THE FIRST
FLOWER OF YOUNG
WOMANHOOD! GOT IT?!



Brooker



7-1

I NEVER
SAID
PLATO
WAS MY
SISTER.



I REALIZE NOW THAT I HAVE
NOT ATTENDED TO HOW
MUCH OF A BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN YOU HAVE
BECOME.



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AND THAT IT IS YOUR RIGHT
AND PRIVILEGE TO HAVE
RECEIVED FROM ME
A REASONABLE
DEMONSTRATION OF
AMOROUS NOTICE.



THEREFORE...



PLENTY...AND IF I MAY
MAKE A SUGGESTION,
HOW WAS THAT?
ENOUGH?

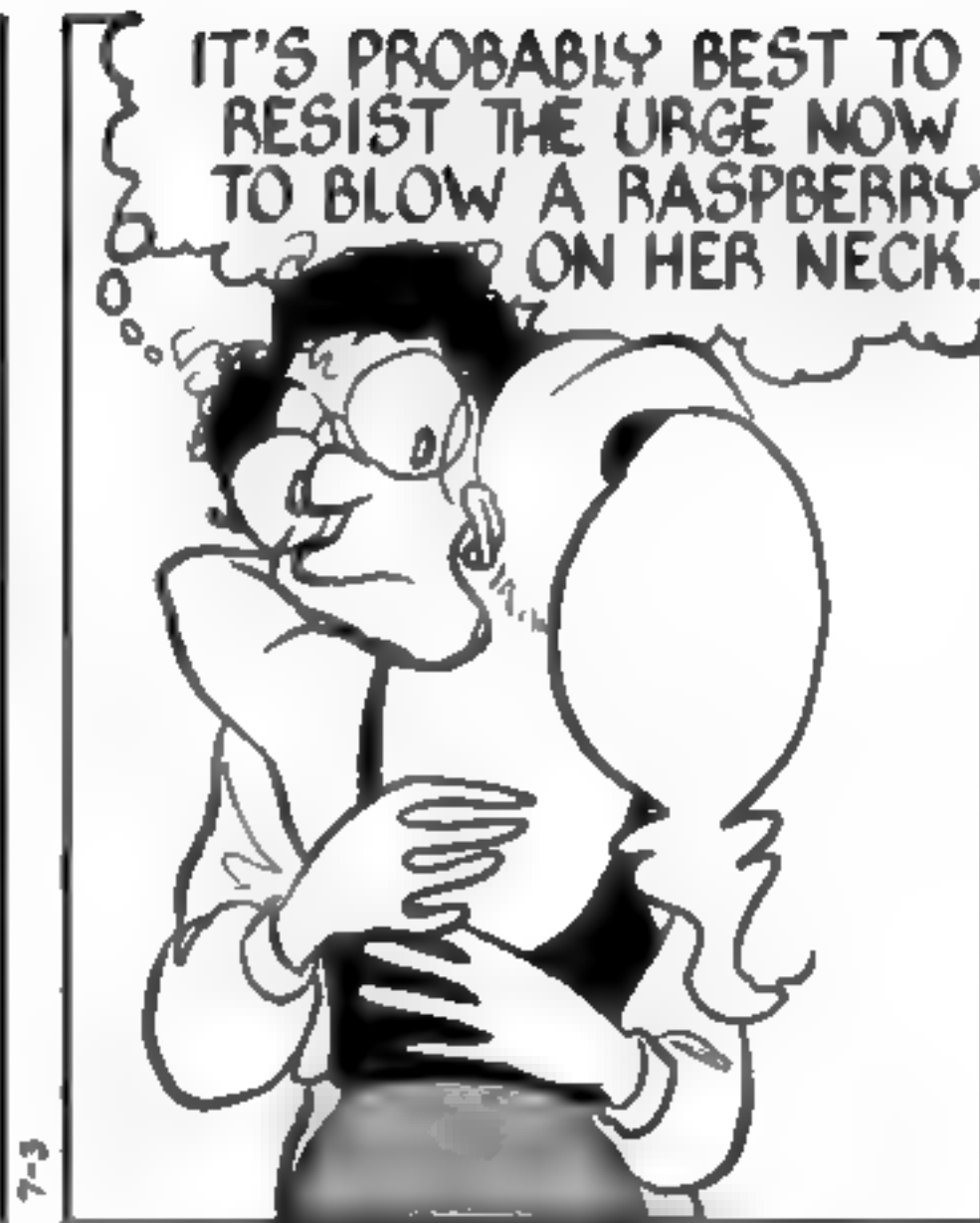
HAVE SOMEONE
LOOK AT THOSE
ADENOIDS.



WE HAVE BEEN PLAYMATES
AND FRIENDS SINCE EARLIEST
CHILDHOOD...BUT I HAVE COME
TO SEE YOU ALSO AS THE
EXEMPLAR OF EVERYTHING
BEAUTIFUL AND FINE. AND
IN THIS LIGHT, I SHALL
ALWAYS HOLD YOU IN THE
DEEPEST REGARD.



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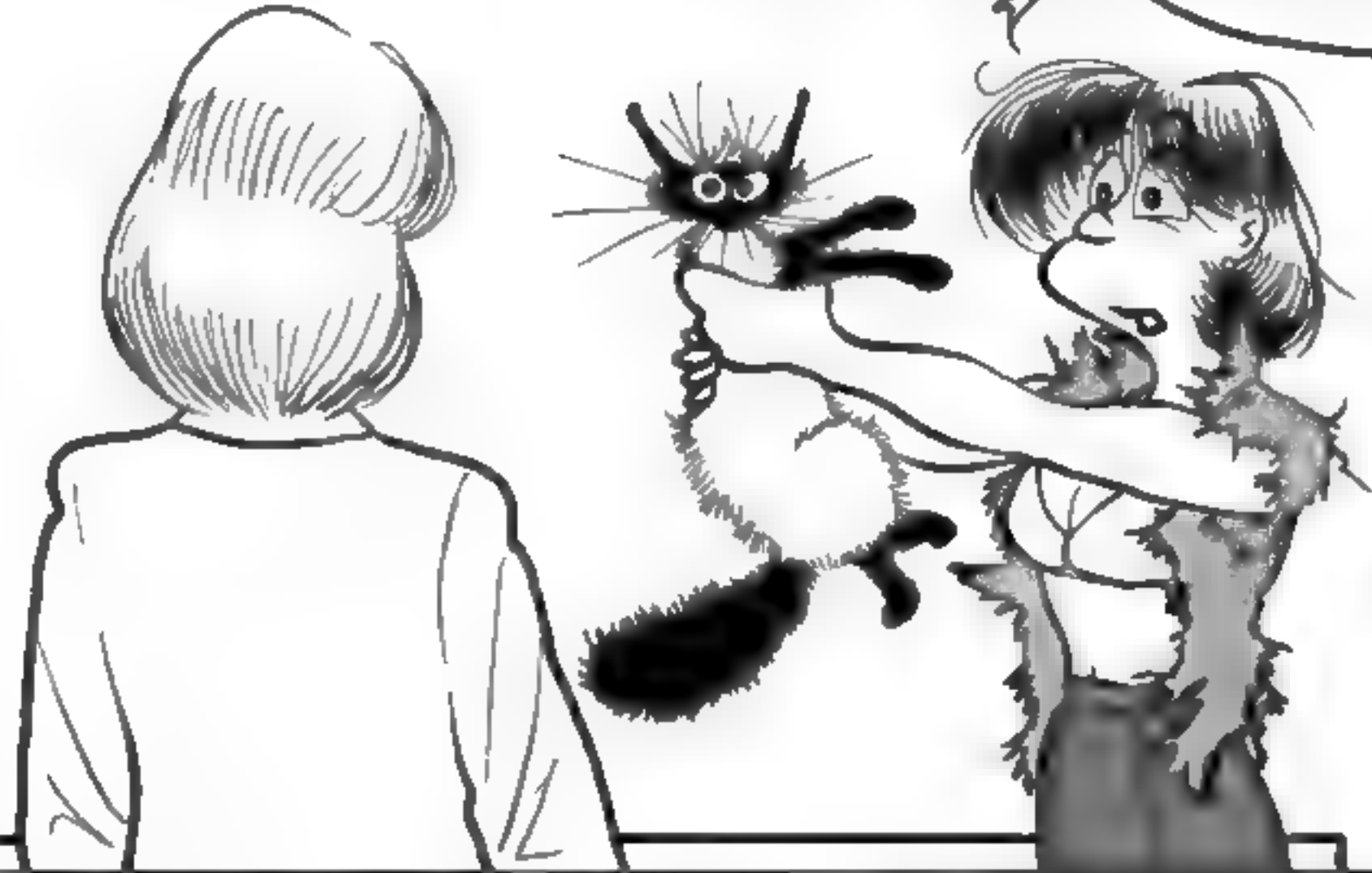


REMEMBER DR. DARCEY, SOLANGE?...DR. DARCEY
IS GOING TO GIVE US OUR NICE RABIES
VACCINA-
TION.



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AND PERHAPS A SIDE ORDER
OF IODINE.



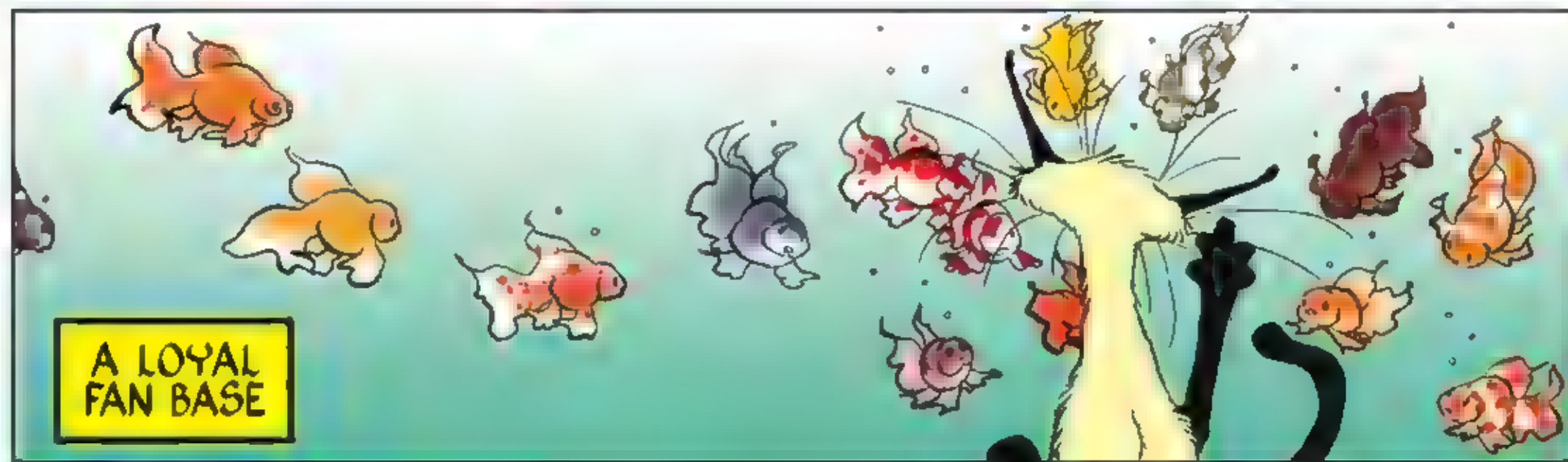
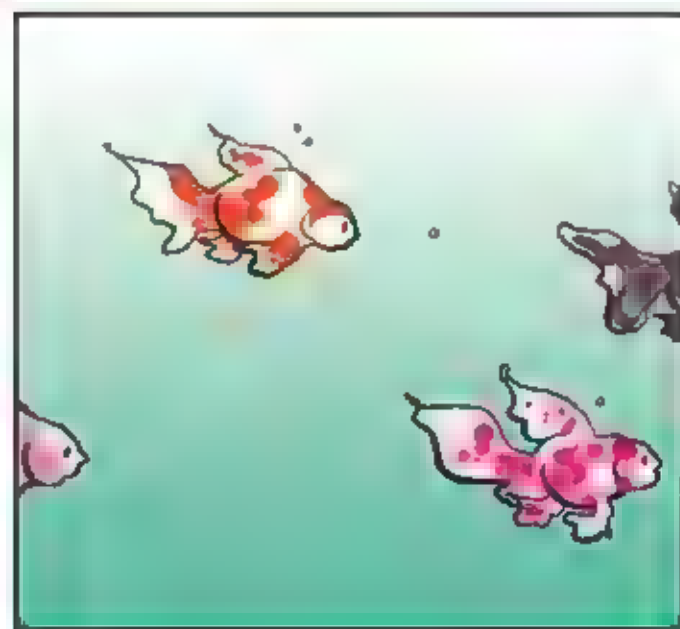
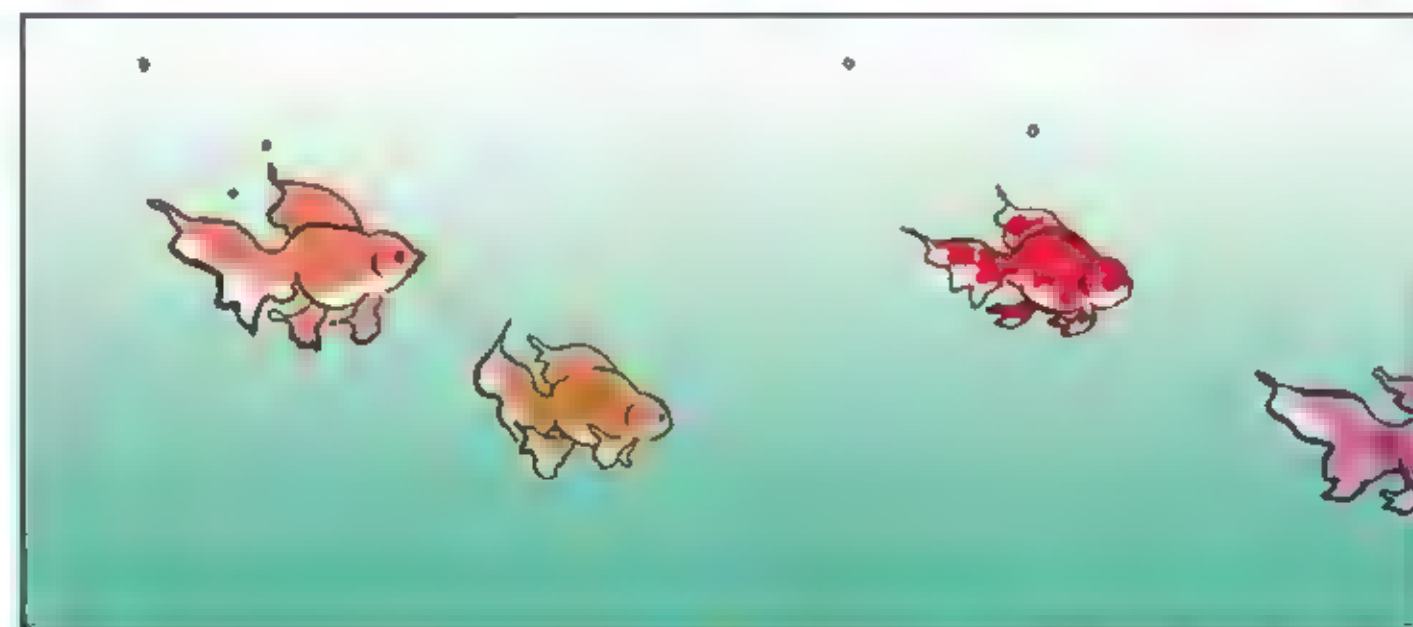
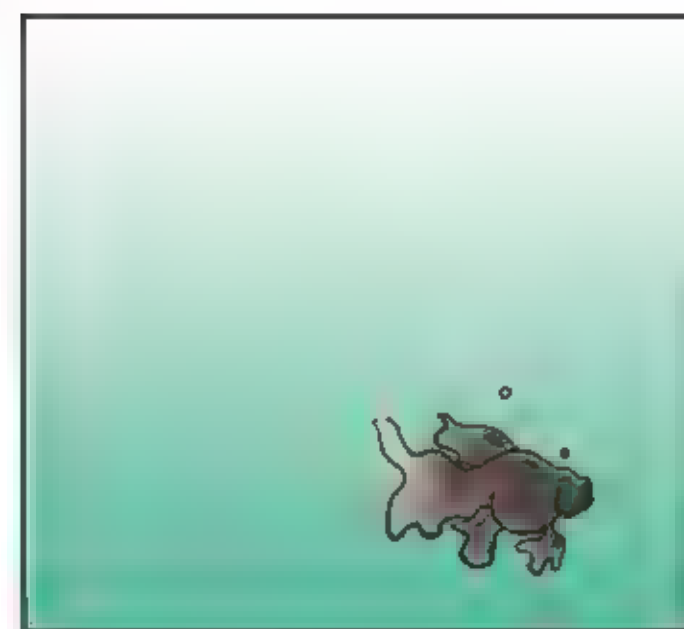


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FOR THIS FUNDING MEETING,
I WAS GOING TO WEAR MY
SECRET, LOW-CUT, LEOPARD-
PRINT MOOD BRA.



DANGEROUS!

THEN I THOUGHT I'D BETTER
NOT STINT,
AND PUT
ON THAT
TIGER-PRINT
DEMI-BRA.



Ooo!
DARING AND
DANGEROUS!

THEN I FINALLY REALIZED IT
WAS NO TIME FOR FAINT
HEART, AND I
BROKE OUT MY
RATTLESNAKE-
SKIN HEMI-DEMI-
SEMI BRA.



DARING
AND
DANGEROUS
AND...



...SUPERNATURAL?

A WEAK
ECONOMY DEMANDS
STRONG MEASURES.

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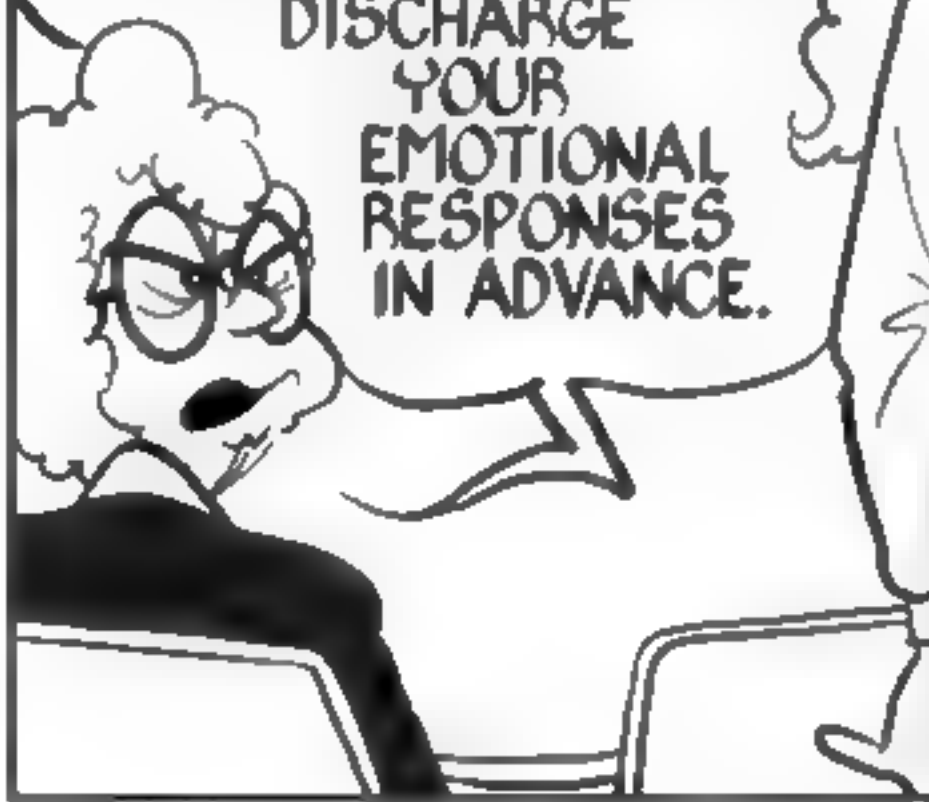


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EVERY DAY YOU SAY SOMETHING TO RILE ME...I'M JUST GETTING MY GLOWERING AND ANGER FINISHED EARLY SO THE REST OF THE DAY CAN BE DEVOTED TO MORE ENJOYABLE FACIAL EXPRESSIONS.



THAT'S THE MOST ABSURD THING I'VE EVER HEARD! YOU CAN'T CONTEND A PERSON'S MOODS ARE SO PREDICTABLE THAT YOU CAN DISCHARGE YOUR EMOTIONAL RESPONSES IN ADVANCE.



AS A NEW ENGLAND DAIRY FARMER, I MUST UPHOLD THE DICTUM THAT "YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE," FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT ONCE YOU ARRIVE "THERE," IT PERFORCE BECOMES "HERE."



THIS MAY INDEED BE A HALL-MARK OF EXISTENTIALIST THOUGHT. FOR EACH PERSON IS THE CENTER OF HIS UNIVERSE, AND EVERY SPOT UPON WHICH HE STANDS IS "HERE."



ERGO, AND INELUCTABLY, ONE CANNOT GET "THERE" FROM "HERE"...ONE CAN ONLY GET "HERE" FROM "HERE."

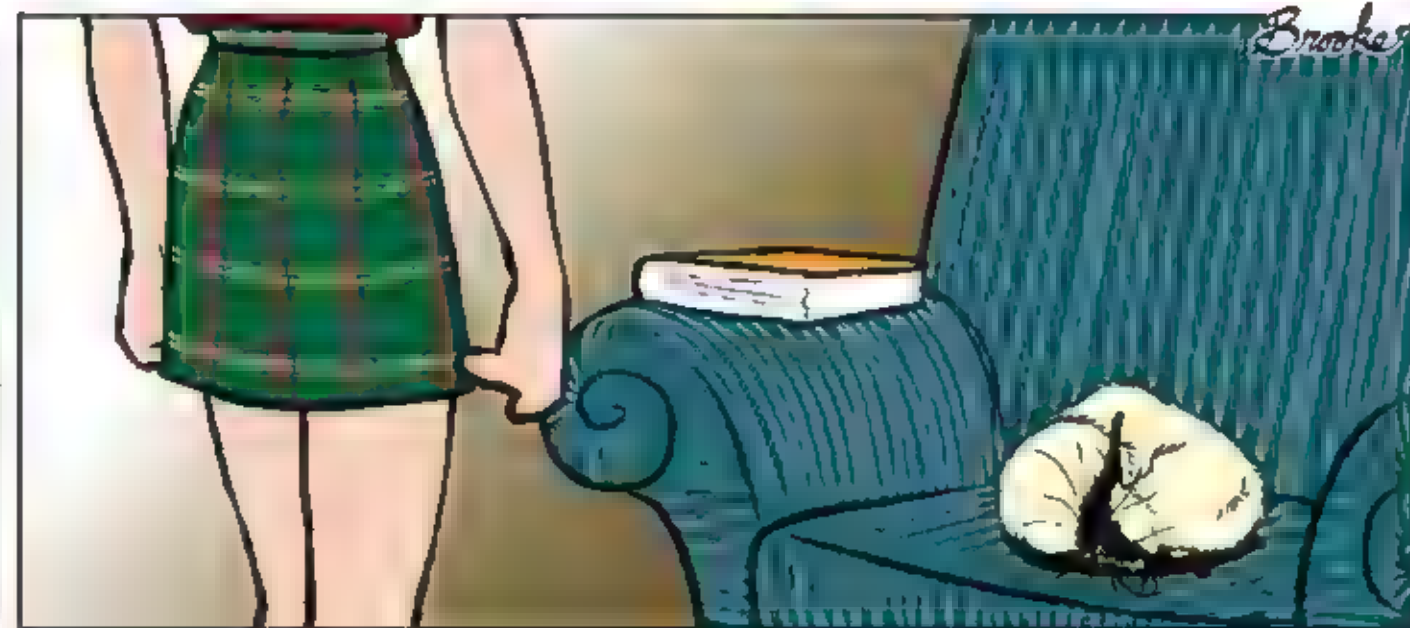
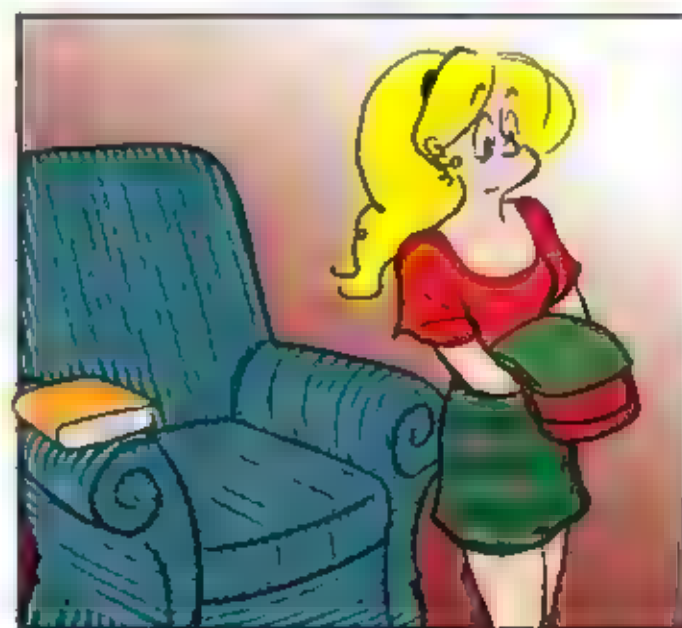
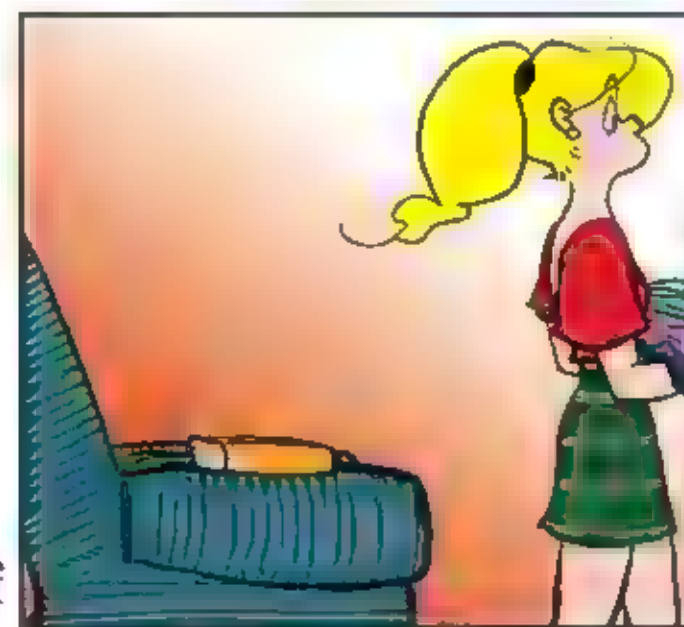
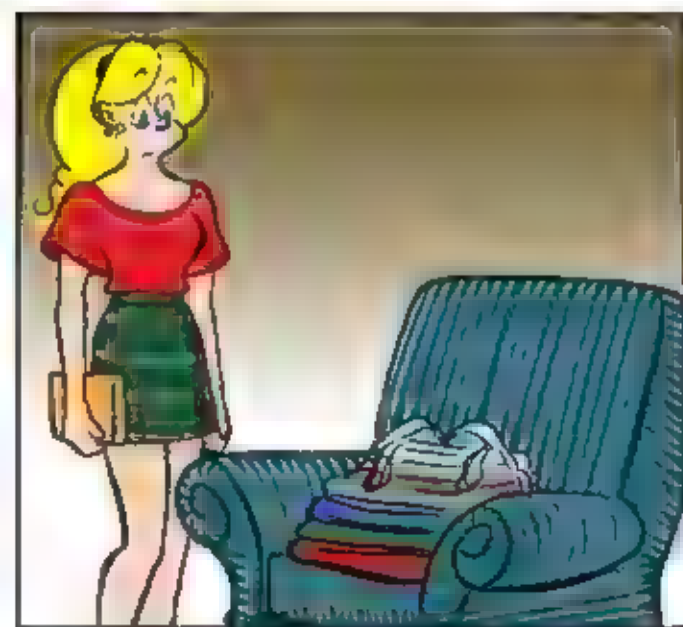
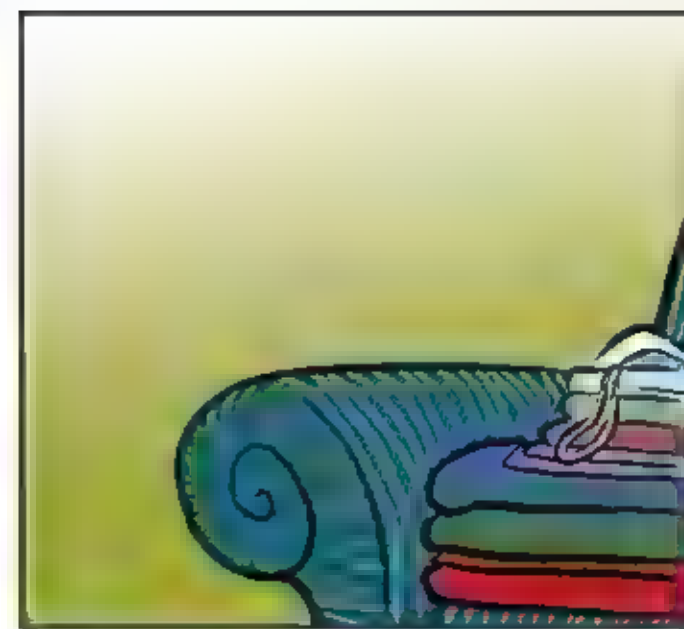
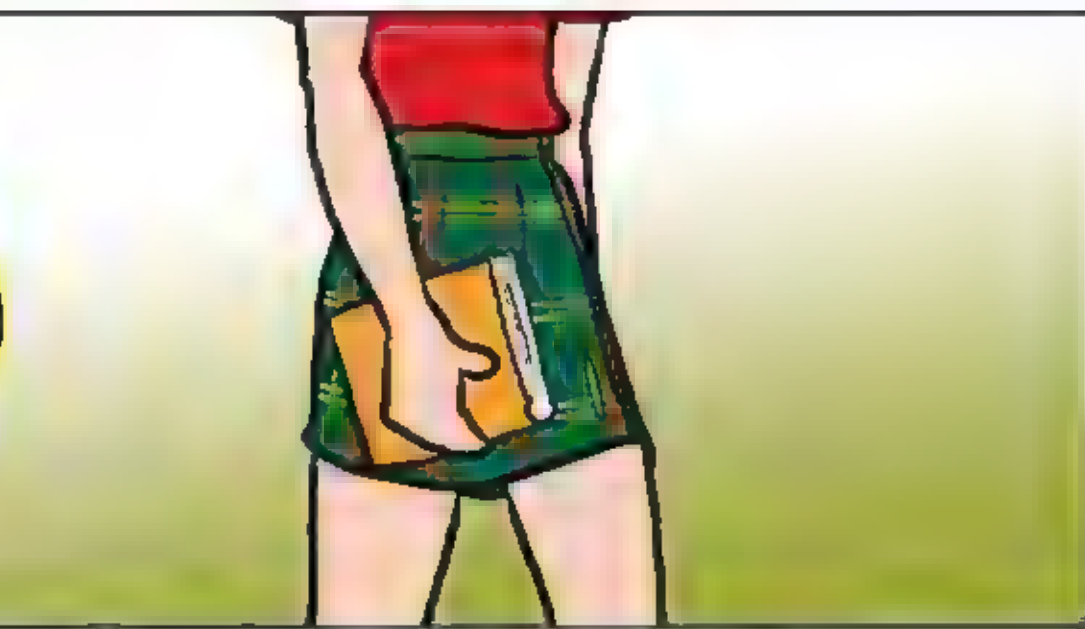


BUTTERNUT, WHERE ARE YOU?



THERE.
WAY
OVER
THERE.

Broken



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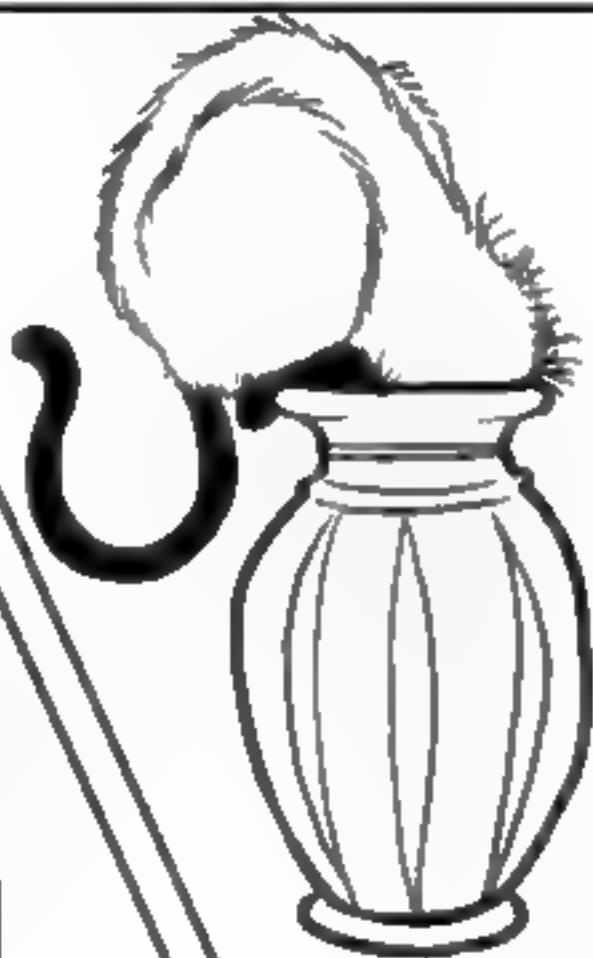
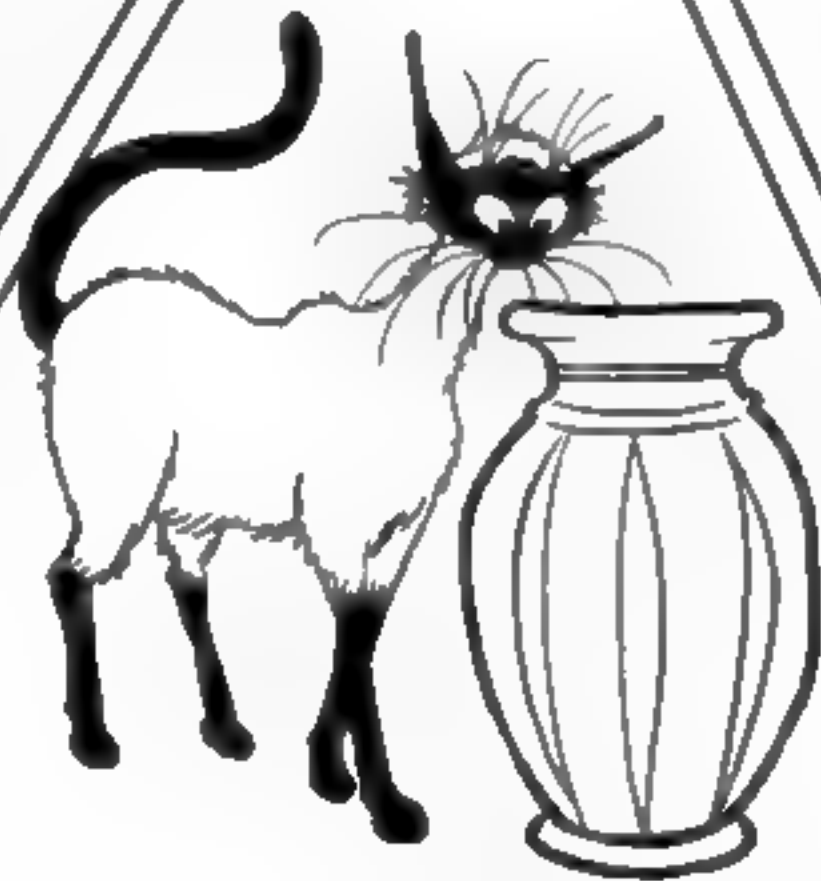
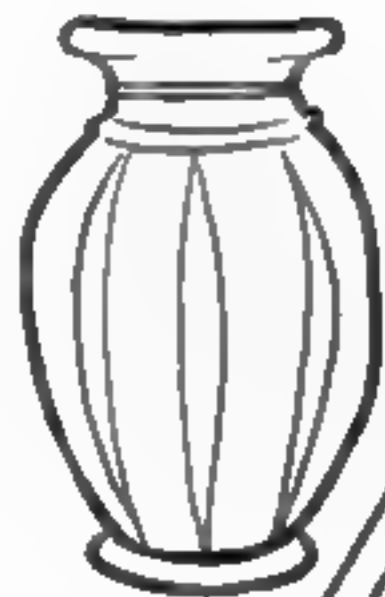


FACING
DOWN
CHOPIN



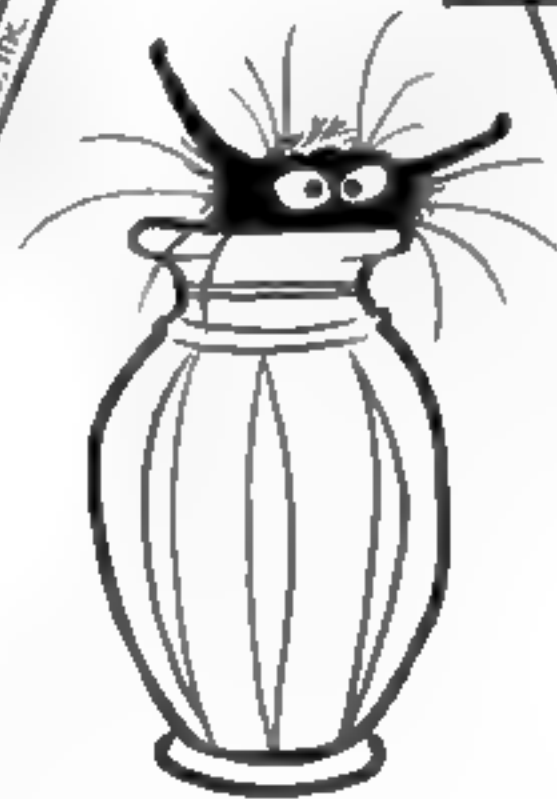
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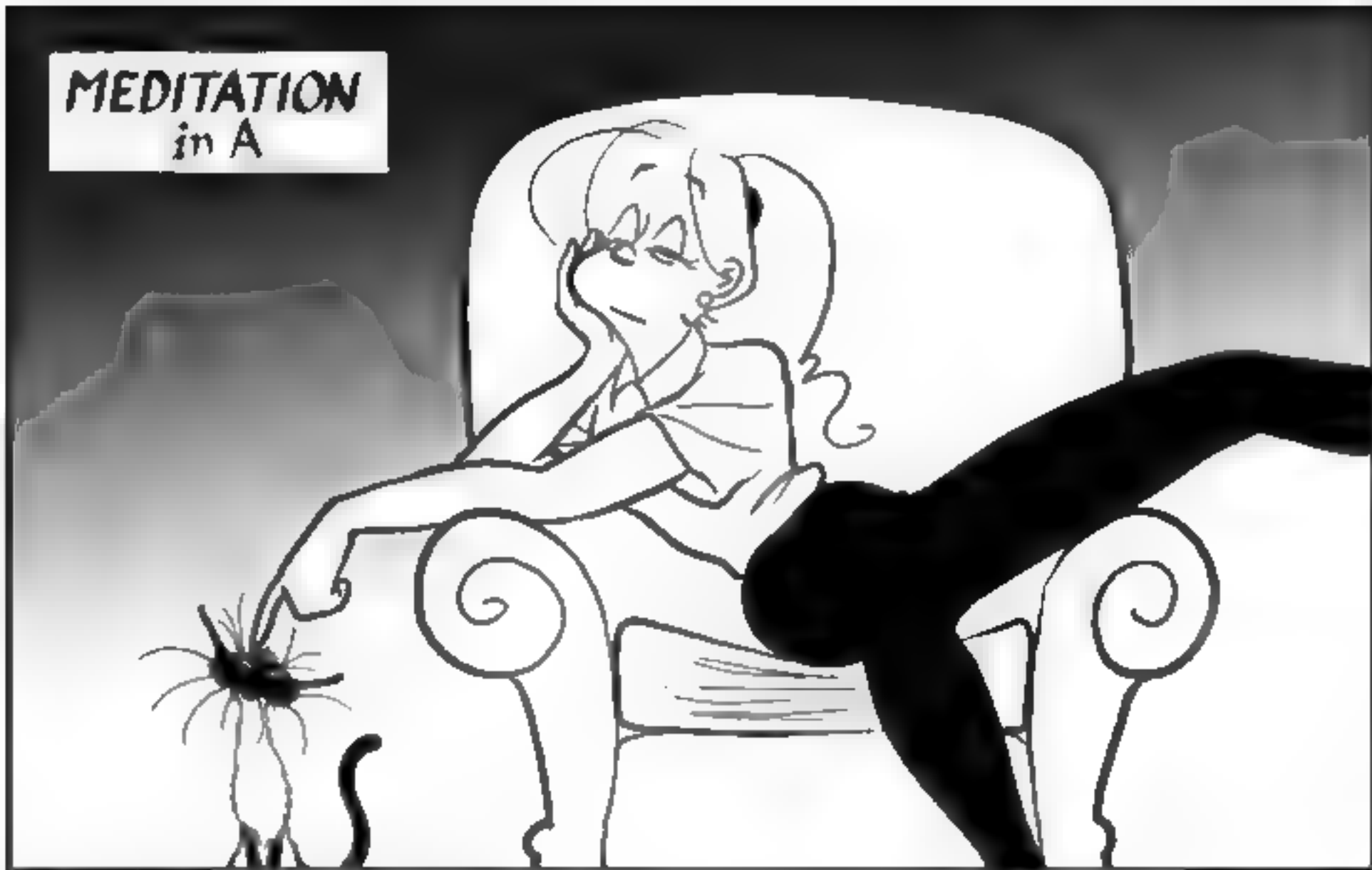


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NEVER
THE PATH
OF LEAST
RESISTANCE



MEDITATION
in A





Brooks

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OKAY.
...IF IT'S
FORTISSIMO
HE WANTS, IT'S
FORTISSIMO HE GETS.

MY, YOU LOOK SO
BUTTONED UP AND
STARCHED TODAY...YOU'RE
THE QUINTESSENTIAL
SCIENTIST.



THAT, AND I'M WEARING A
TIGHT, BLACK, LEATHER MINI-
SKIRT I HAVEN'T SQUEEZED
INTO SINCE HIGH
SCHOOL.



MOM, YOU'RE
WEARING A
KNEE-LENGTH,
DENIM
WRAP-AROUND.



YES, BUT I LOVE IT
WHEN HE
BREATHES
THROUGH
HIS
LUNCH
BAG.



I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT WE'RE LETTING OUR PRIVATE RELATIONSHIP INTRUDE INTO OUR WORK. WE SHOULD MAINTAIN SOME PROFESSIONAL DECORUM.



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MAYBE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, WHILE AT UNIVERSITY, TO CALL EACH OTHER DR. BURBER AND DR. GREENE.

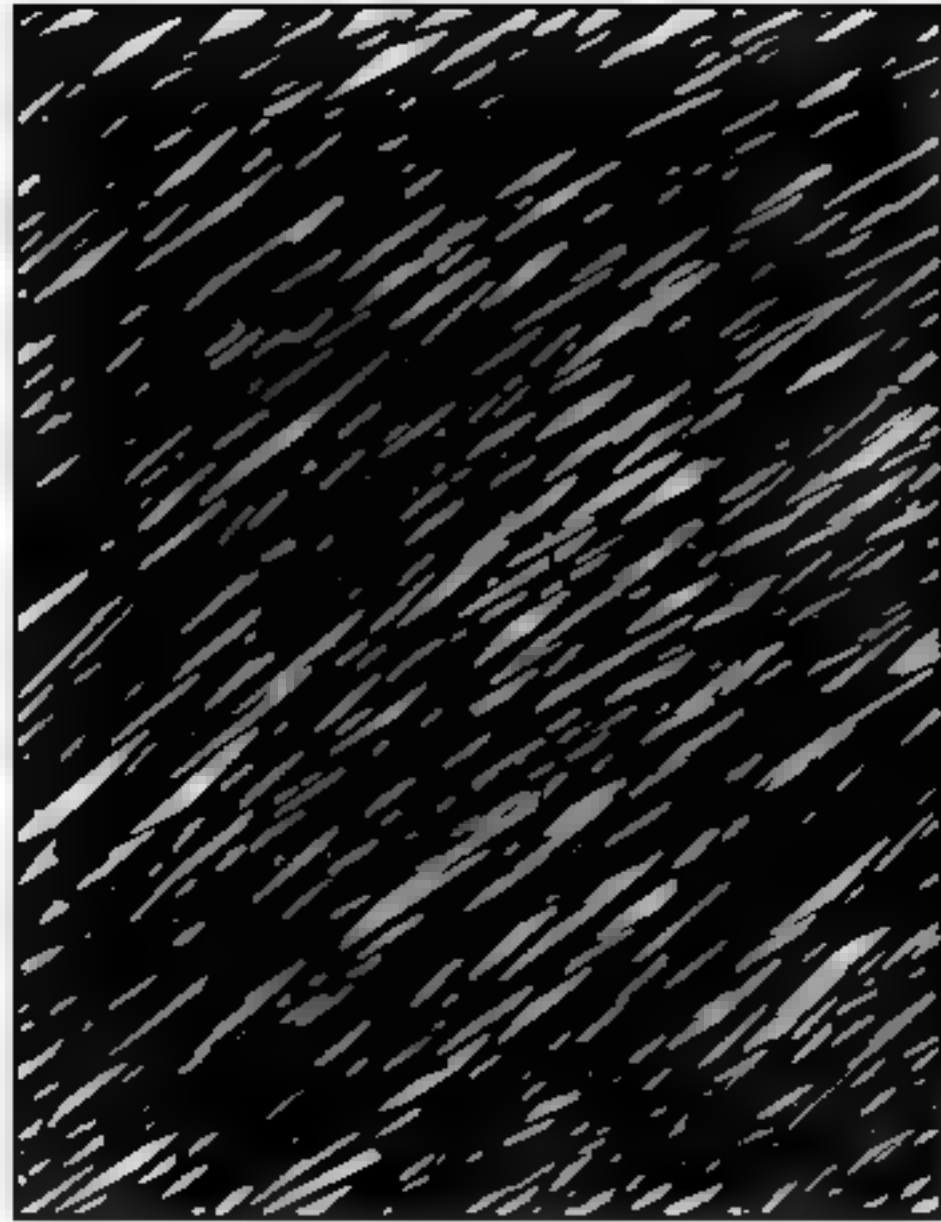
I CONCUR.



9 CHICKWEED LANE







...SO, TO CONCLUDE THIS
REPORT ON THE RISE OF
CALVINISM
IN WESTERN
EUROPEAN
CULTURE...



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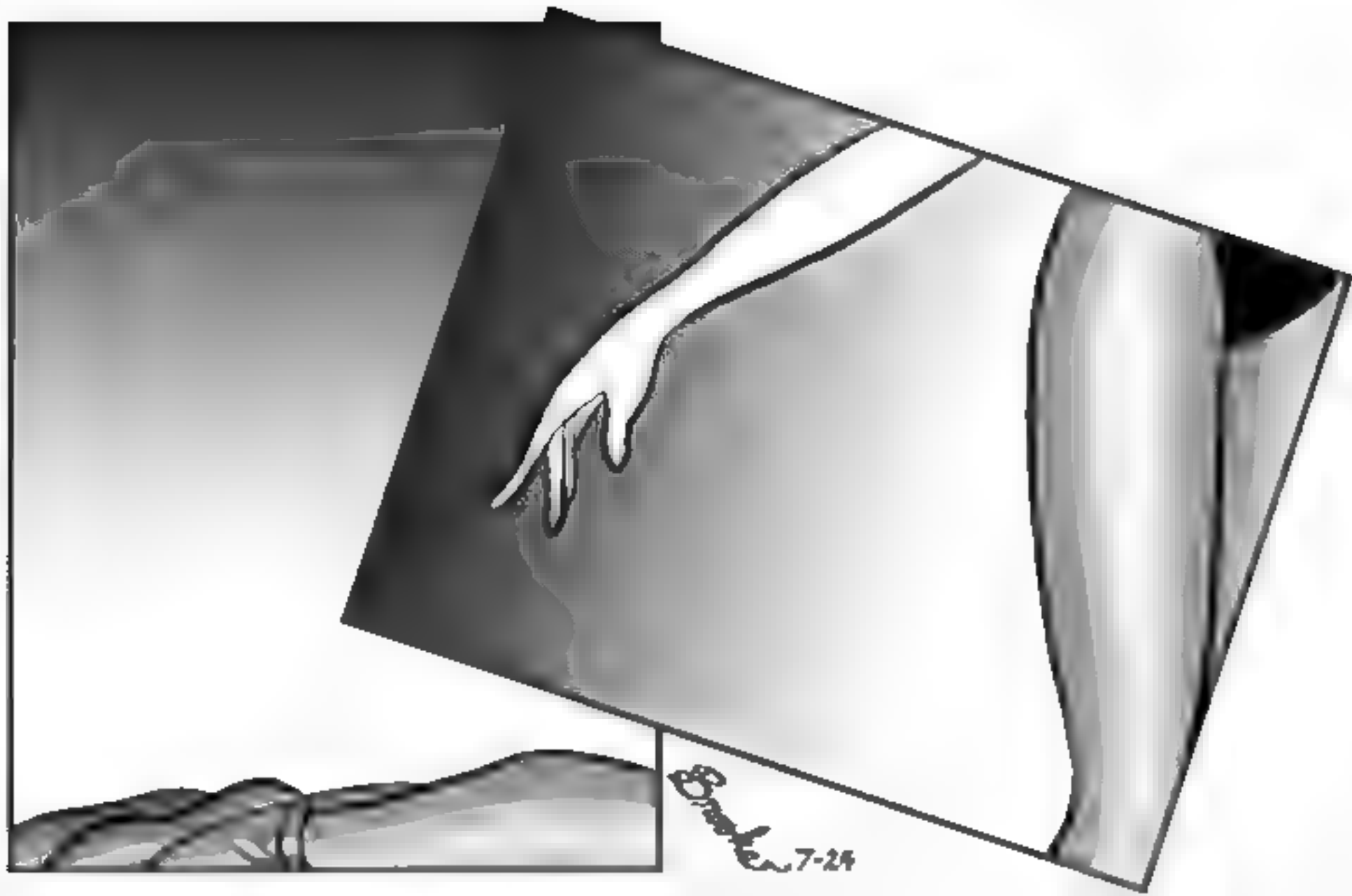
Aha...



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THE
END.



THERE IS A GULF THAT SEPARATES THE CONCEPTS
OF TRUTH AND FULL DISCLOSURE...
I THINK YOU NEED TO SPEND
A LITTLE MORE TIME
EXPLORING THE
LEE SHORE.

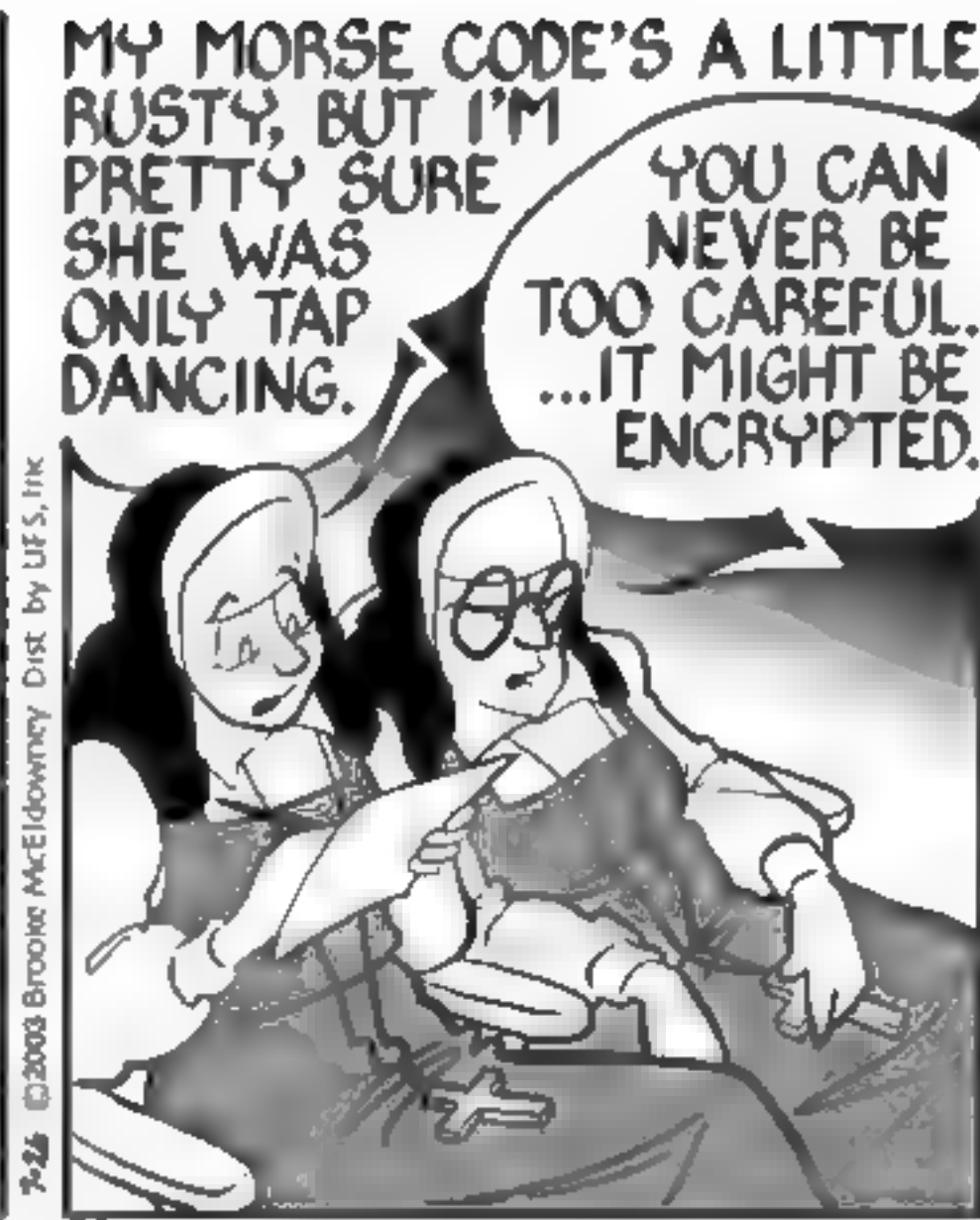
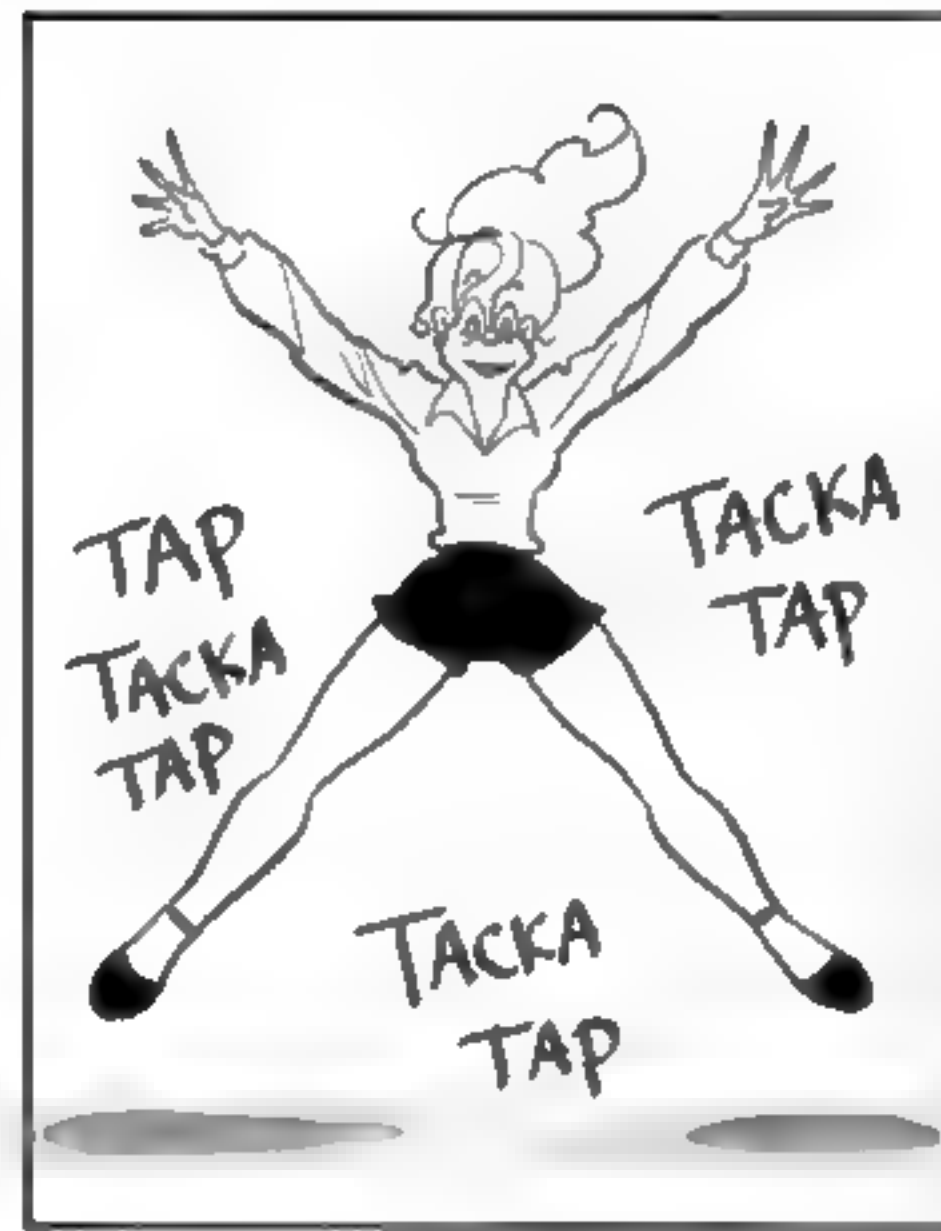
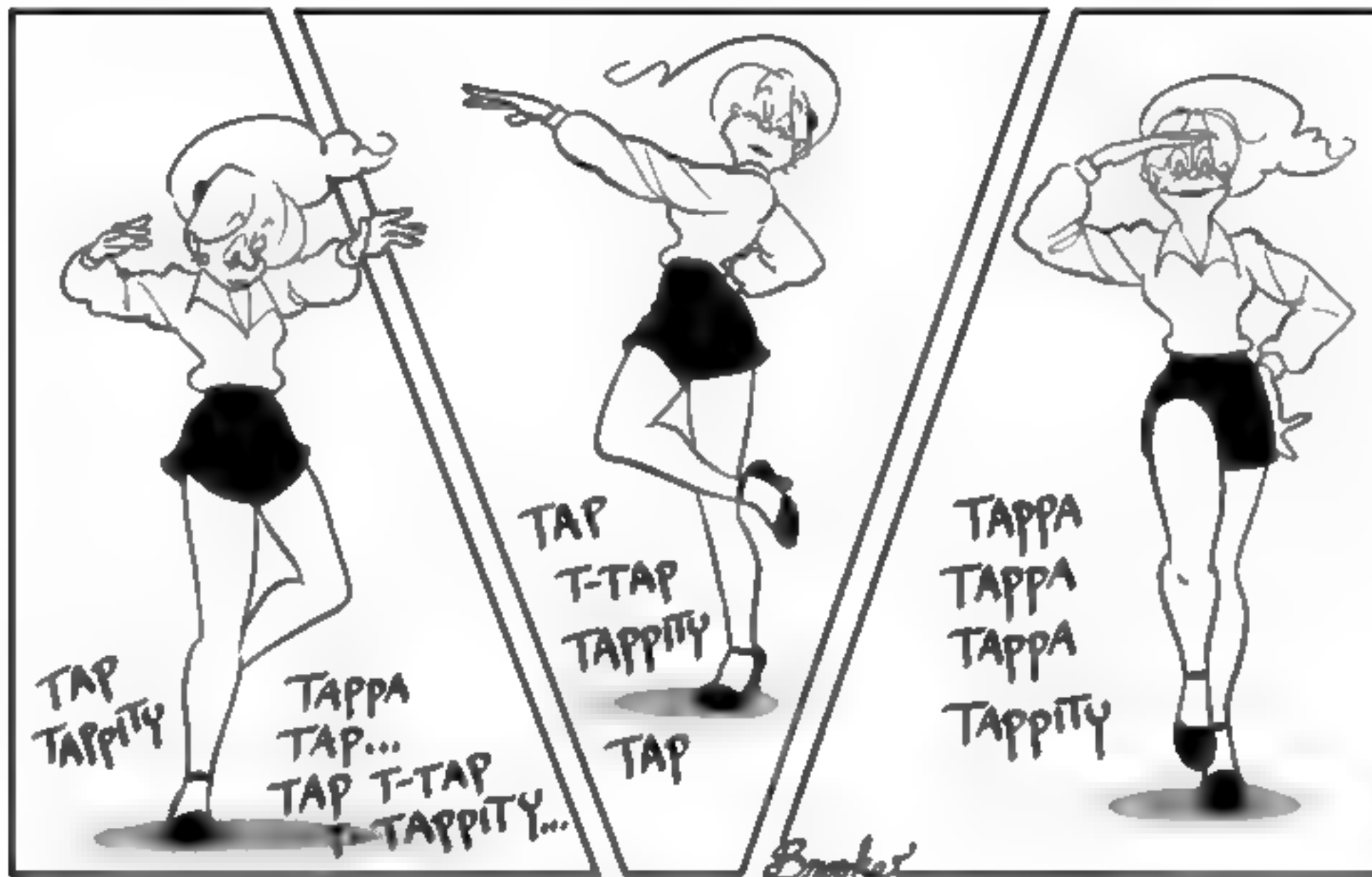
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

Brooker

I MEAN, THE NEXT TIME BISHOP FAINE CHANCES
TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL AND STOPS TO ASK HOW
YOU ARE, JUST SAY, "I'M FINE," INSTEAD OF
"PALPITANT WITH PRIMITIVE
INSTINCTS."

FASCINATING...
...AND YOU FEEL
THAT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
PREFERABLE?

TRUST
ME.





HELLO, I'M CALLING
FROM TRIHEDRON-WEST
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
SYSTEMS...HOW ARE
YOU TODAY?



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I DIDN'T PLAY MY PART IN
SECURING NORTH AFRICA
FOR THE ALLIES AND
THE DOWNFALL OF
THE NAZI MENACE
JUST SO ONE
DAY MY SACRED
PRIVACY COULD
BE INVADED BY
A SMARMY,
ECZEMATOUS
CONSCI-
ENTIOUS
OBJECTOR
WITH FLAT
FEET AND
NOTHING BETTER
TO DO THAN...



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SHE JUST SAID GENERAL
PATTON AND THE ANDREWS
SISTERS WOULD HAVE
SLAPPED ME.



HELLO, I'M CALLING
FROM TRIHEDRON-WEST
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
SYSTEMS...HOW ARE
YOU TODAY?



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I'M A PATHETIC GEEK WITH
NOTHING BETTER TO DO
THAN CLING TO
A TELEPHONE
WHILE OTHER
PEOPLE LIVE
AND LAUGH
AND ENJOY
TRULY
MEANINGFUL
LIVES.



Bronke



MR. MOSTER, YOU REMEMBER
HOW YOU ASKED
ME TO LET YOU
KNOW EVERY
TIME YOU
START DOING
THAT
STRANGLER-
SOB
THING?



7-29

HELLO, I'M CALLING
FROM TRIHEDRON-WEST
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
SYSTEMS...HOW ARE
YOU TODAY?



DO YOU KNOW THAT YOUR
COMPANY'S NAME FORMS
THE ACRONYM "TWITS"?



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AND JUST A NOTE OF
ADVICE...IT IS PROBABLY
BAD FORM TO LET THE
CUSTOMER
HEAR YOUR
PENCIL
SNAP.



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HELLO, I'M CALLING
FROM TRIHEDRON-WEST
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
SYSTEMS...HOW ARE
YOU TODAY?



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WELL,
LET'S
SEE...

Brooke

I HAVE A
HOST OF
BETTER
THINGS
TO DO
THAN
TALK
TO YOU,
WHICH
INCLUDES
MY
CUTTING
TOENAILS,
SQUEEZING
BLACKHEADS,
VOMITING...



...POPPING MY
KNUCKLES
IN ORDER OF
PRECEDENCE...

HOW
IS SHE
DOING
THAT?!



HELLO, I'M CALLING
FROM TRIHEDRON-WEST
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
SYSTEMS...HOW ARE
YOU TODAY?



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MY LEG IS PRESENTLY
CAUGHT IN THE QUANTUM
SINGULARITY IN MY
TRACTOR
SHED...



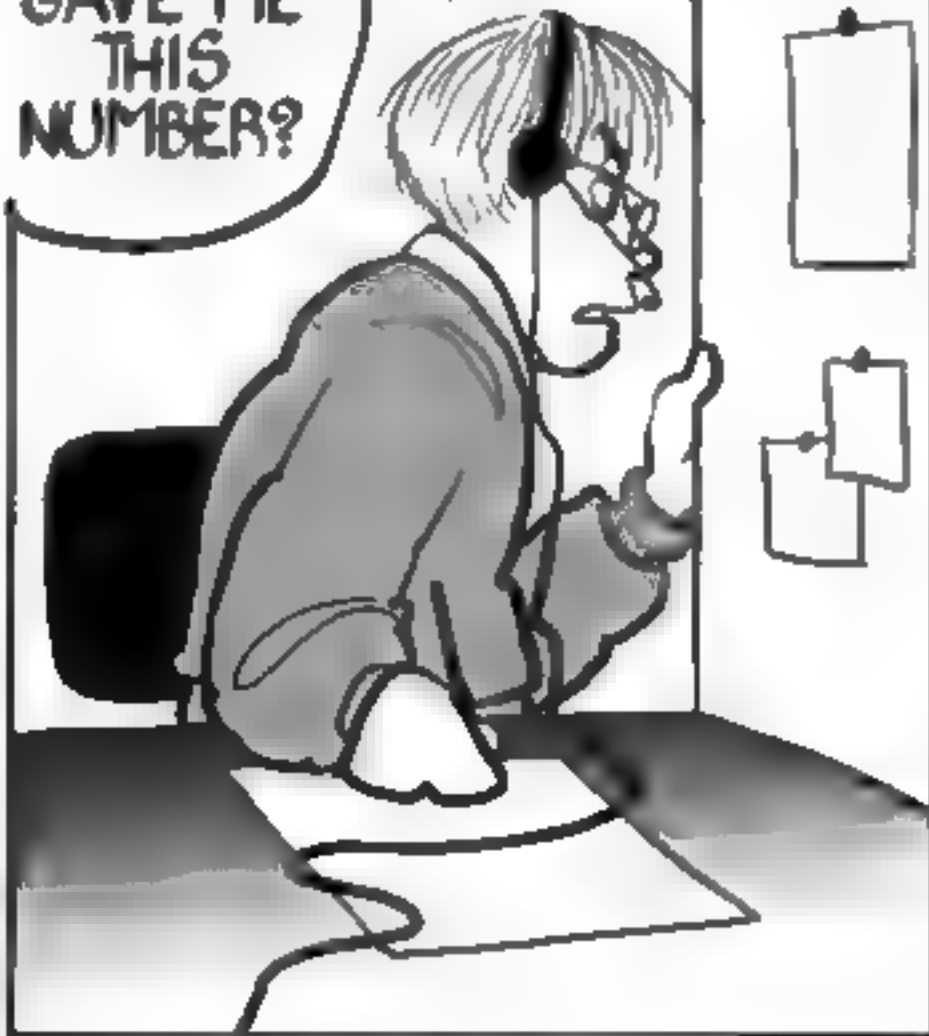
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...SUCH THAT MY FOOT HAS
EMERGED TROUGH A SPACE-
TIME RIFT IN THE OMICRON
SECTOR OF THE GALAXY
WHERE ZELIGOID MUCUS
BEINGS ARE ATTEMPTING
TO MATE WITH MY TOES...

...WITH SOME
SUCCESS,
I MIGHT
ADD...



OKAY,
WHO
GAVE ME
THIS
NUMBER?



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HELLO, I'M CALLING
FROM TRIHEDRON-WEST
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE
SYSTEMS...HOW ARE
YOU TODAY?

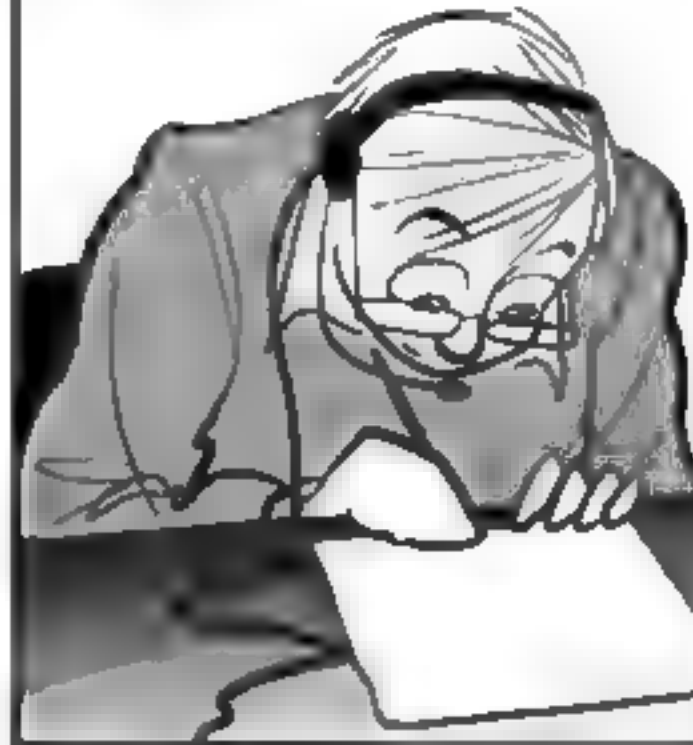


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FINALLY...
...A SALE!

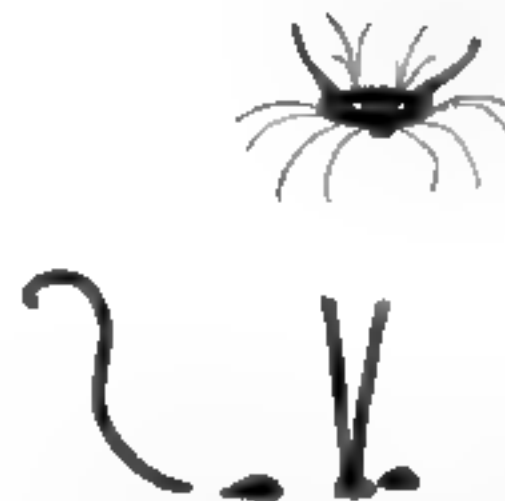
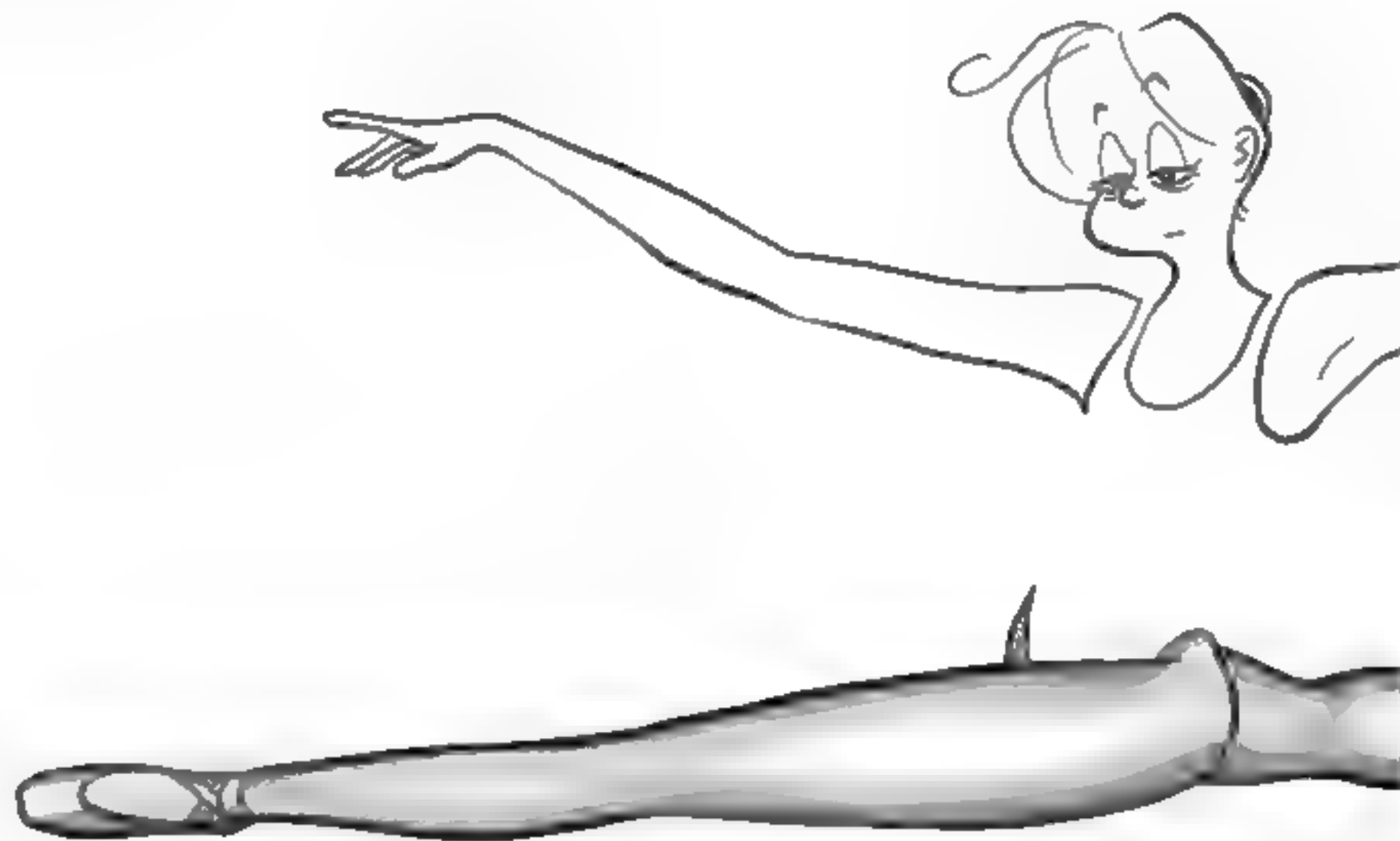


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9 CHICKWEED LANE



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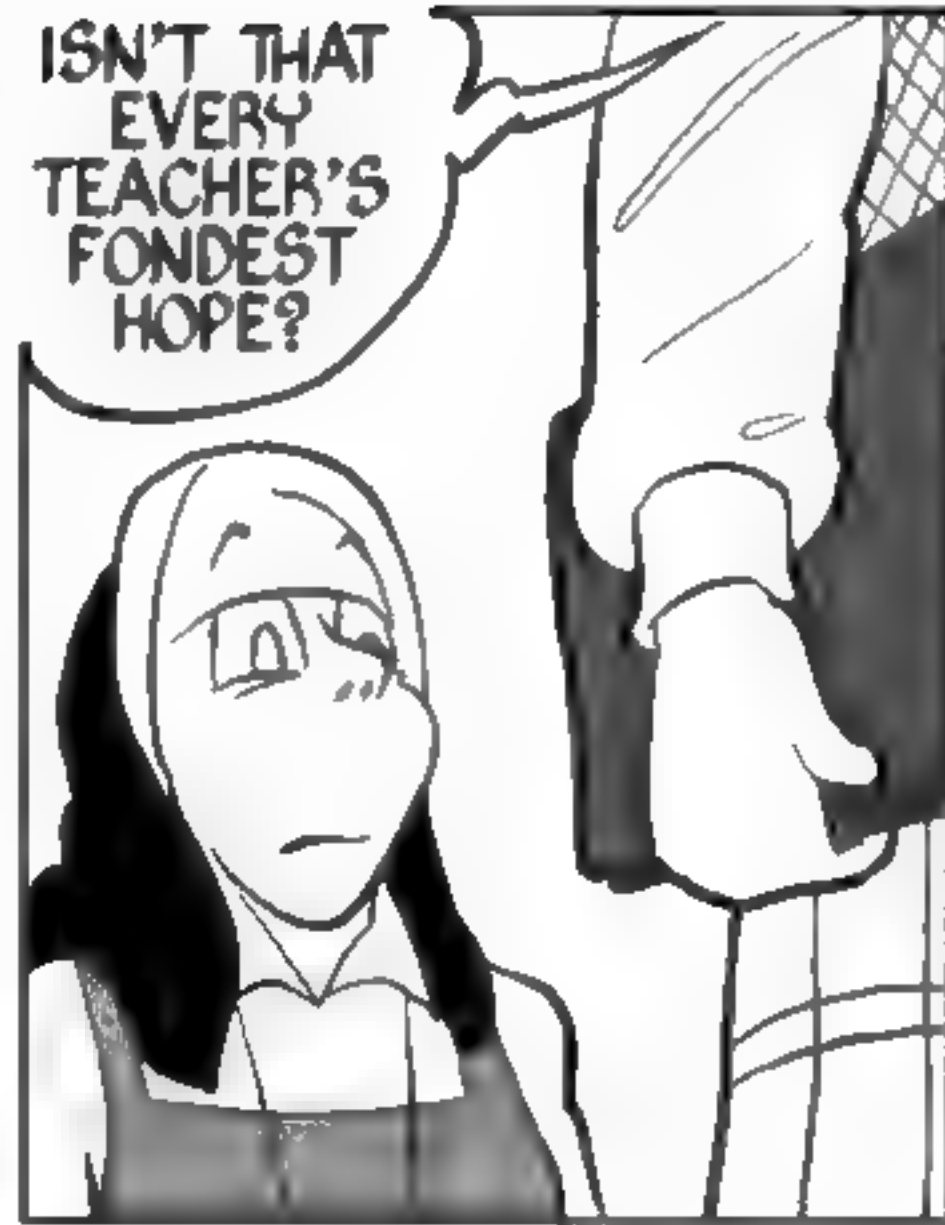
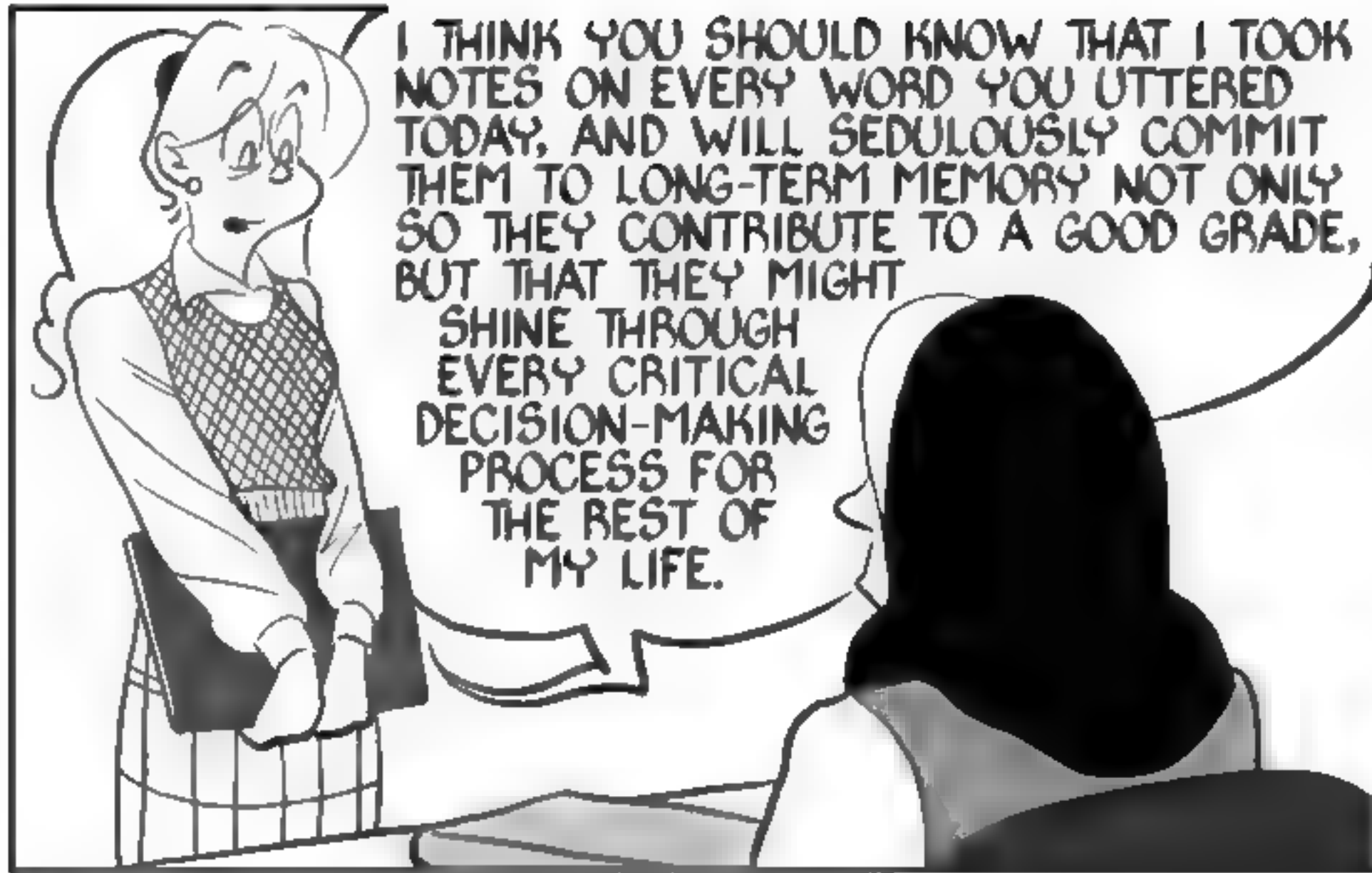
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WHAT'S
SHE UP TO
IN THE SECOND
HALF OF THIS
CARTOON?...
...I DON'T HEAR
A SOUND.



Brooke



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PROUD
OWNER
AND
PET



PROUD
OWNER



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9
CHICKWEED
LANE
®



ADVISORY
CAPACITY



Cartoon

THE REASON PEOPLE TEND NOT TO
NOTICE YOU IS THAT YOU ARE
FUNDAMENTALLY A
VERY DECENT
PERSON...
...AND
DECENCY
IS SUCH
A QUIET
OCCUPATION.



I WISH
THAT THOUGHT
COULD BE MORE
COMFORTING.

CHALK IT
UP TO A
VERY NOISY
WORLD.



Brooke

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DUST SPECK
FILTRATION

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OF FELINITY
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RULES
FOR
BATTLE



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ENGAGE



OVERPOWER



ROUT



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MOM, DO YOU THINK
SOME DAY I'LL BE
REALLY SEXY...



OH, EDDA, OF ALL THE
THINGS YOU COULD
ASPIRE TO, THAT
HAS TO BE THE
VERY LEAST...



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...I MEAN,
LIKE YOU?



YOUR OPINIONS SURE CAN
TURN ON A
DIME.

SORRY,
WHAT?



ONE DAY WILL YOU HONOR ME WITH
YOUR HAND IN MARRIAGE?...
...OR WILL YOU SMASH MY VERY
SPIRIT LIKE A MAGGOT TO THE
FLAGSTONE OF
INDIFFERENCE,
CRUSH ME
BEYOND
HOPE OF
RECOVERY
UNTO THE
END OF
TIME?

LET'S SEE...
...YES, TO
NUMBER
TWO.

Brooke

I'VE TALKED
IT OVER WITH
MARY, AND
SHE SEEMS
TO BE IN
FAVOR OF
KEEPING OUR
RELATIONSHIP
PHYSICAL.

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TEMPORARY
PARALYSIS



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JULIETTE!

IN A
MINUTE.





MY OPHTHALMOLOGIST TOLD
ME I NEED TO WEAR SUN-
GLASSES MORE
OFTEN.



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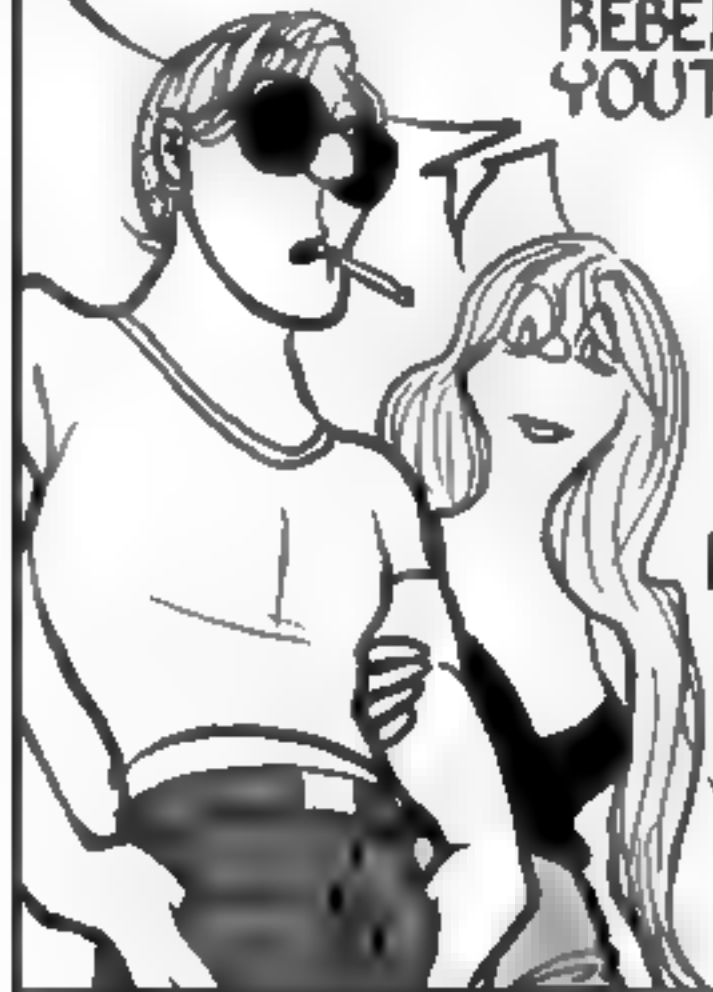


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I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS,
BUT YOUR SHADES EVOKE
SUCH AN IMAGE OF
REBELLIOUS
YOUTH THAT

YOU
MAKE
ME
WANT
TO
DO
EVERY-
THING
WITH
YOU.



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REALLY?...WILL YOU MARRY
ME, SHARE LIFE WITH ME
AND GROW OLD
BY MY SIDE?

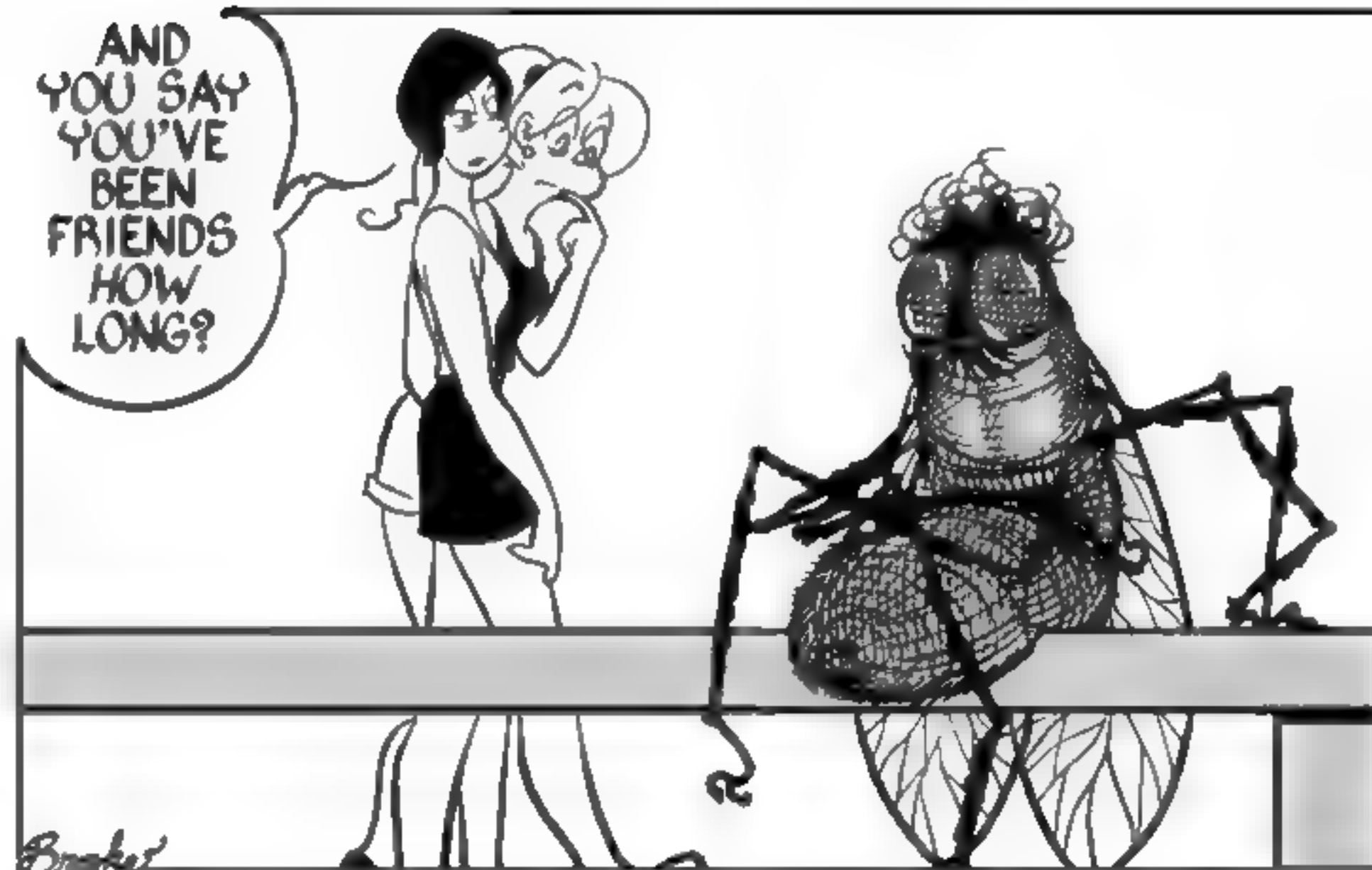


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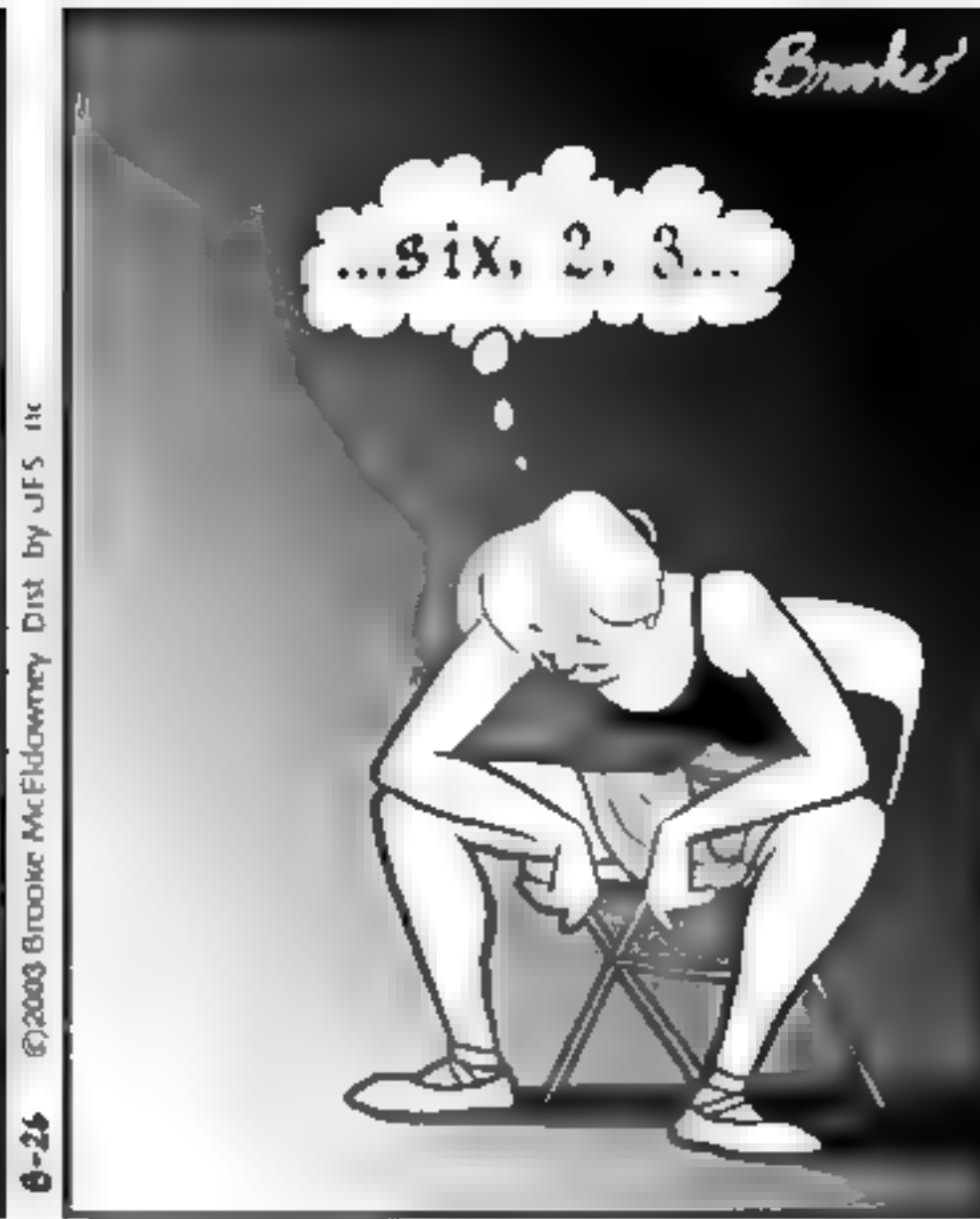
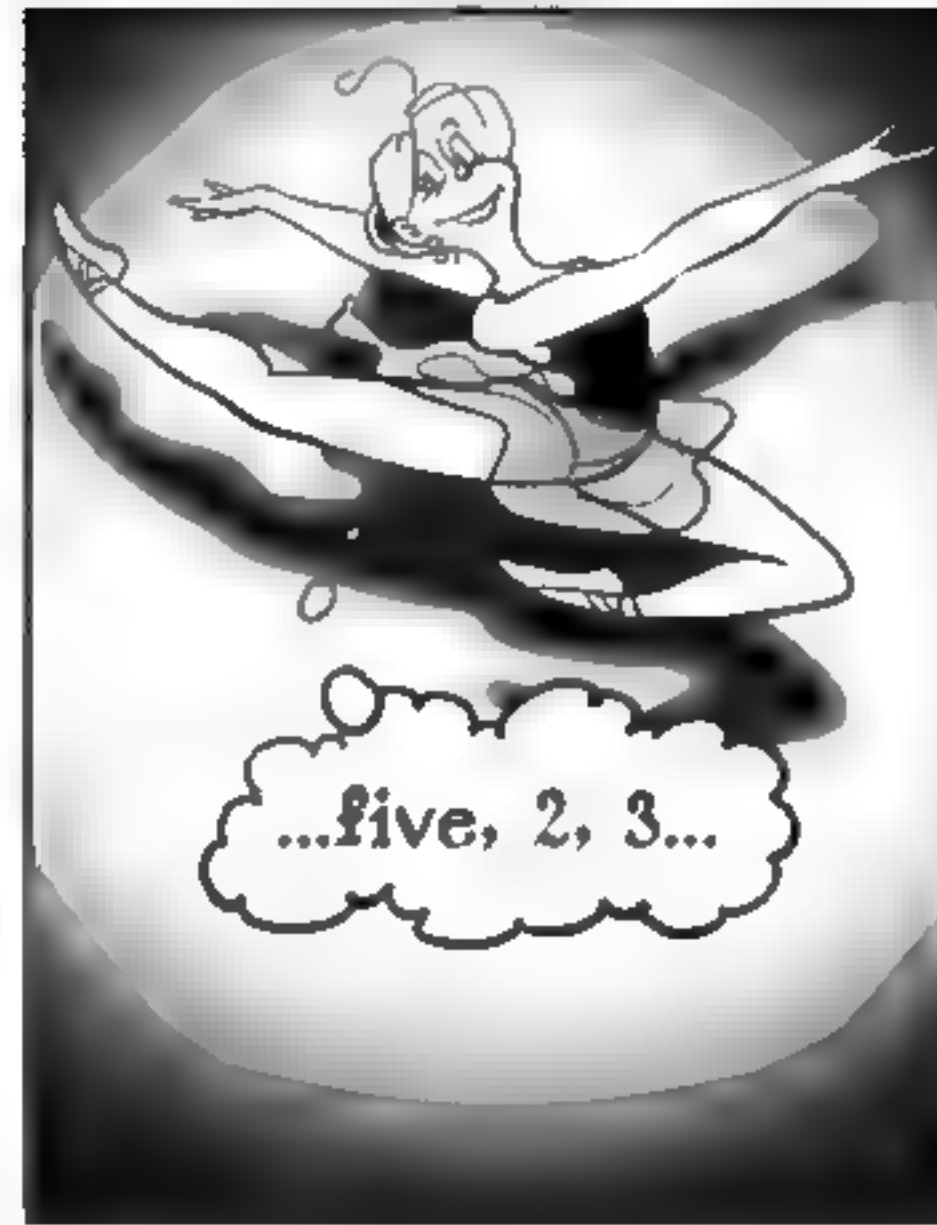


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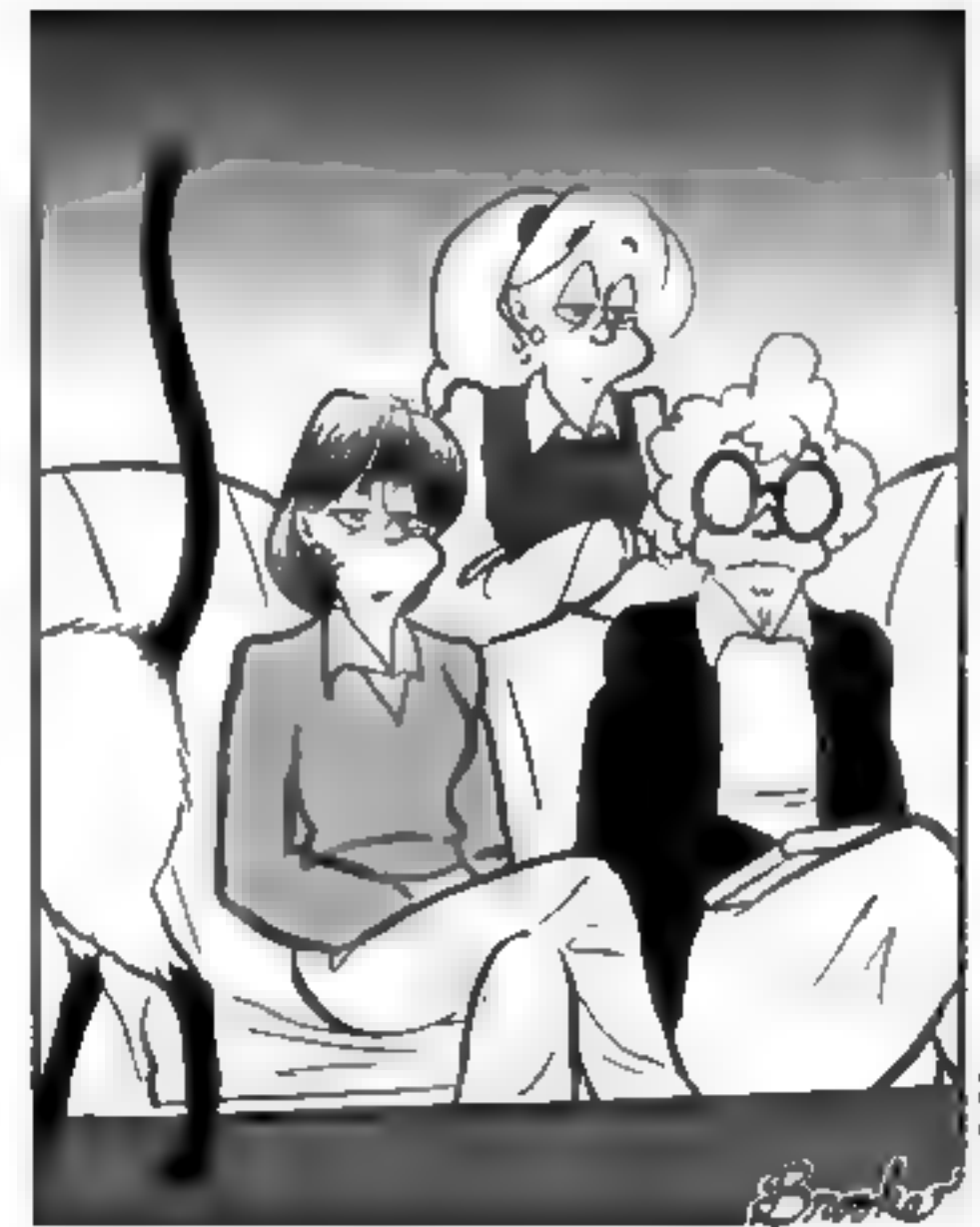


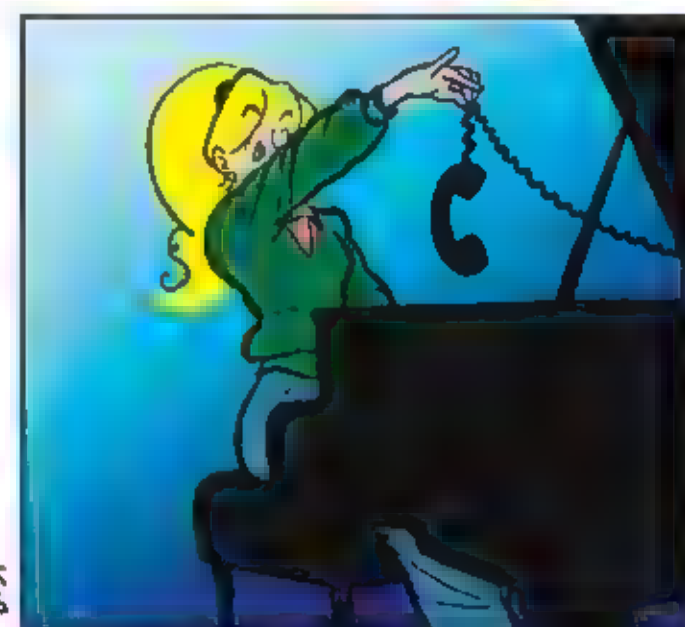
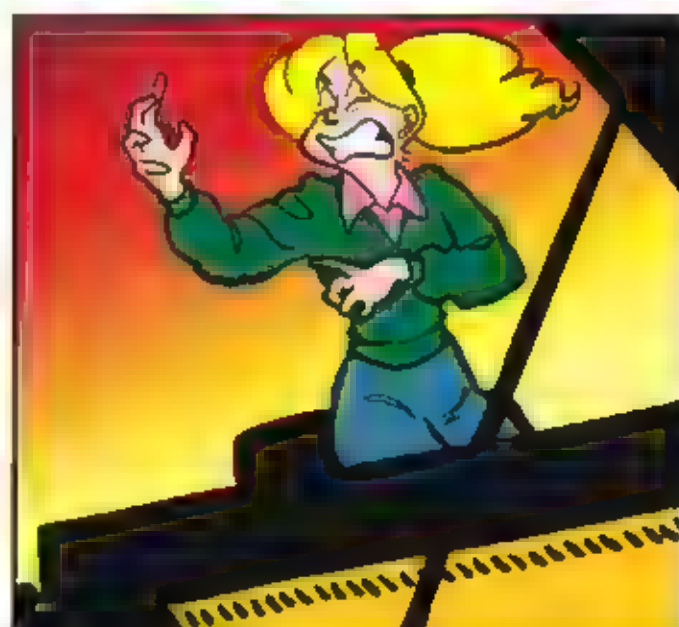
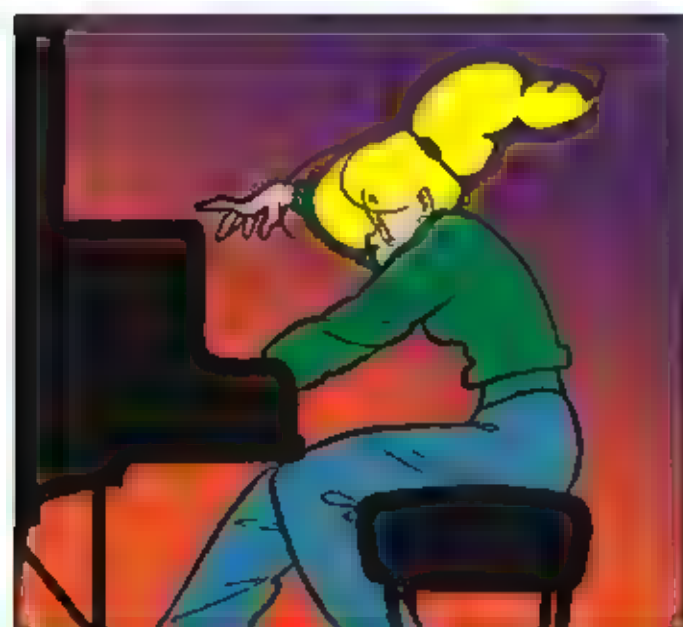
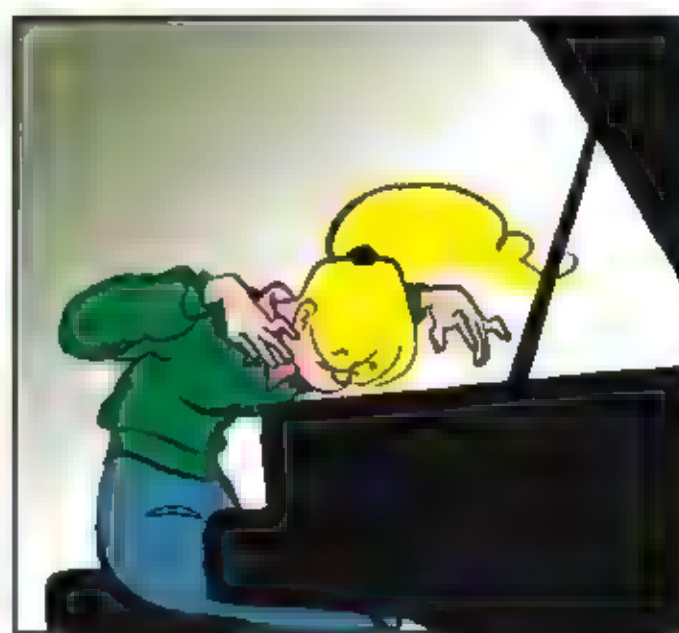
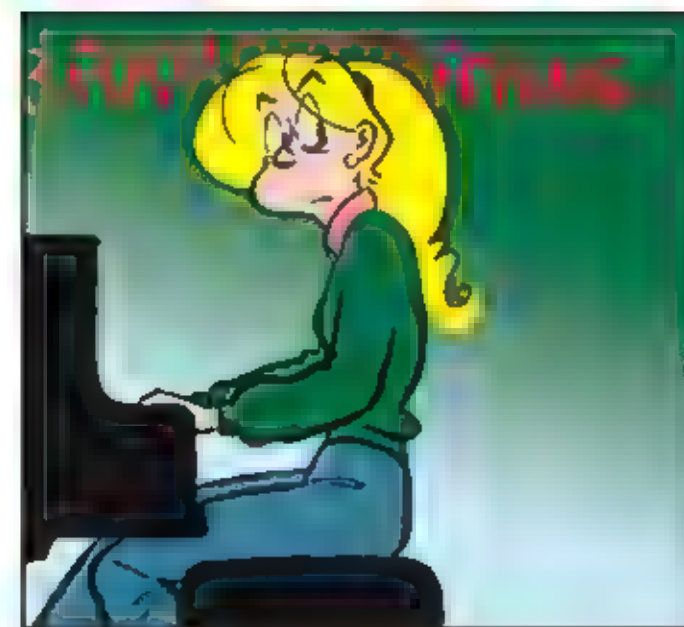


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WHY CAN'T SHE
JUST DO CANNONBALLS
LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?





I GOT THE
RESULTS FROM
THAT CAREER
APTITUDE TEST
WE WERE
GIVEN.



MINE SAID I SHOULD BE
IN THE PERFORMING
ARTS...
WHAT'S
YOURS
SAY?



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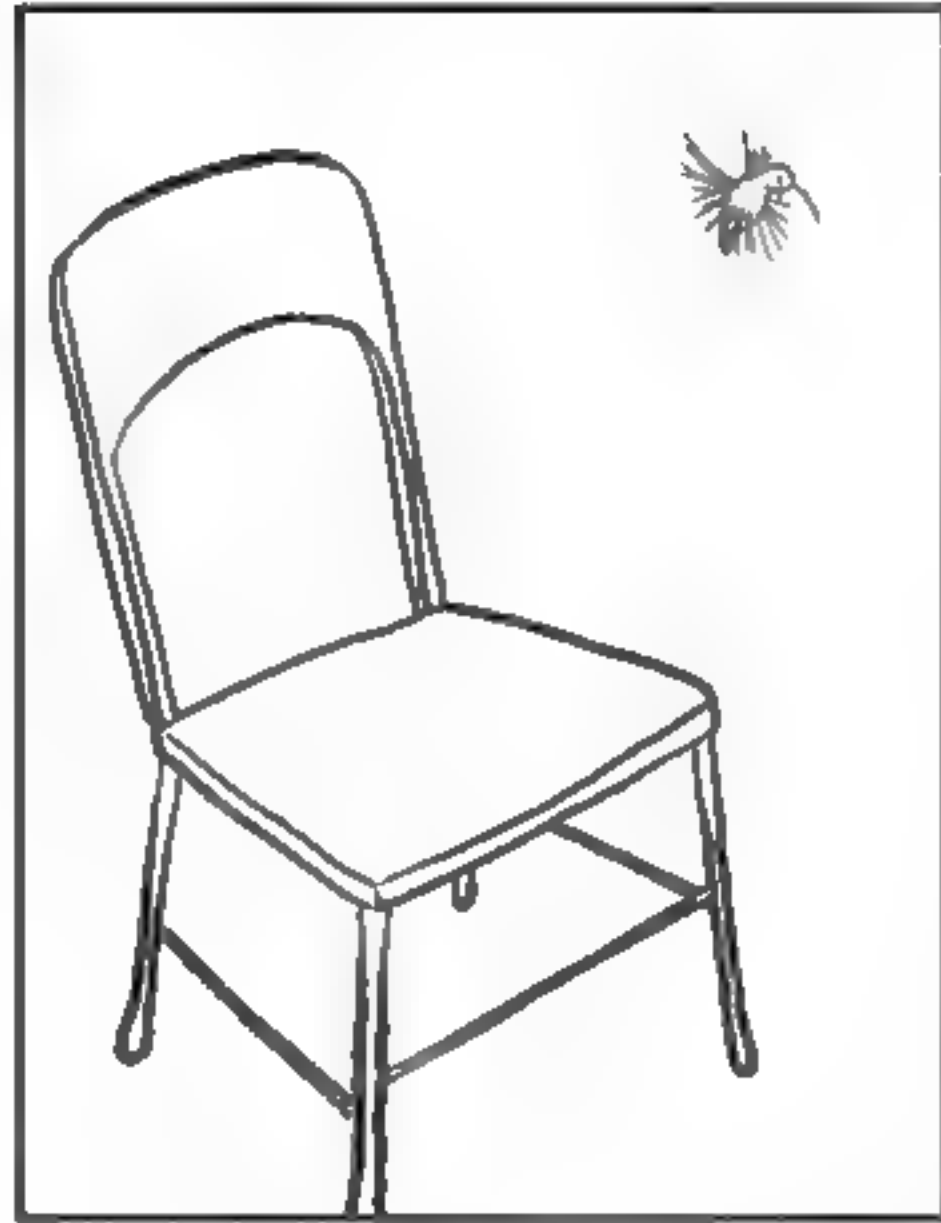
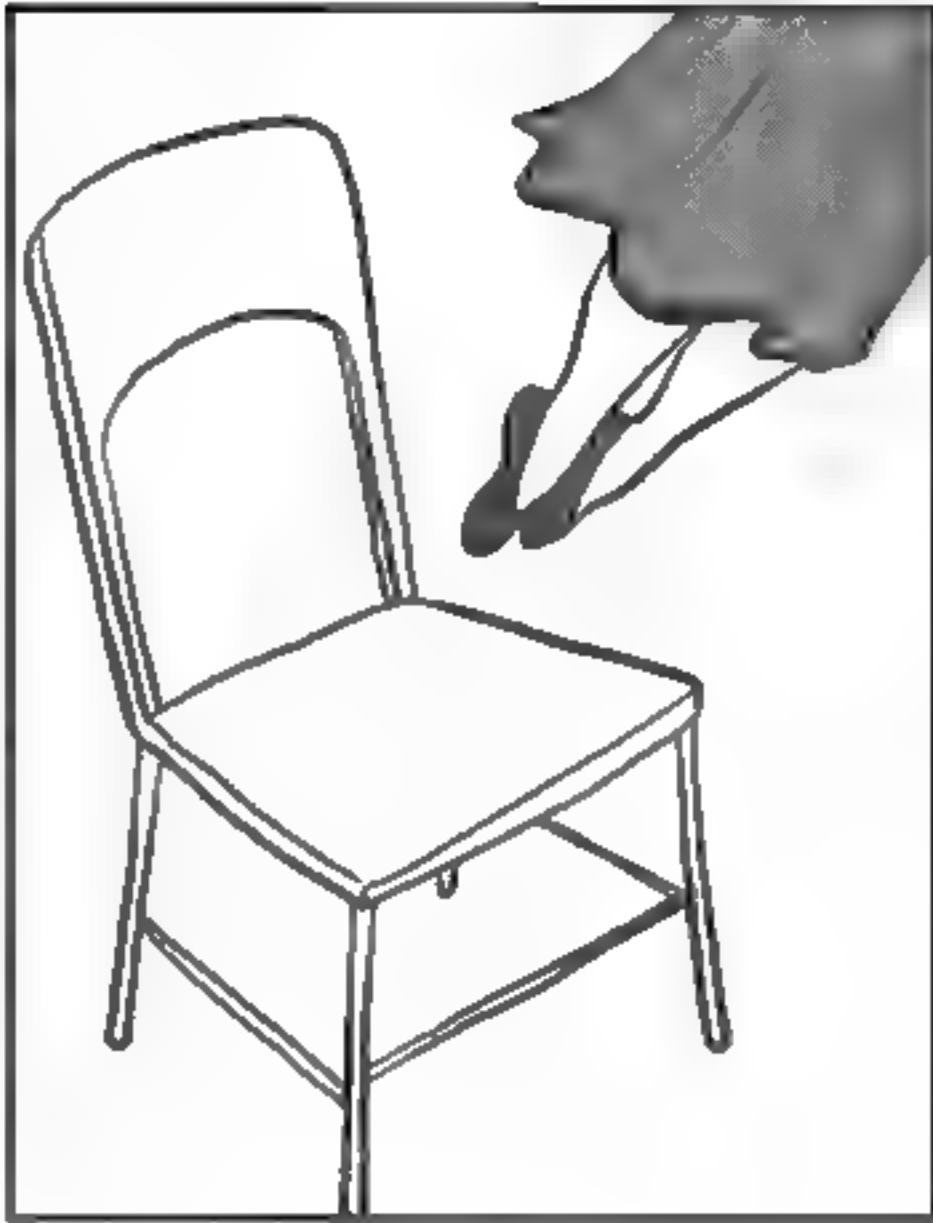
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OF
DOOM.

I DUNNO...
I DON'T SEE
YOU AS A
CONSULTANT.



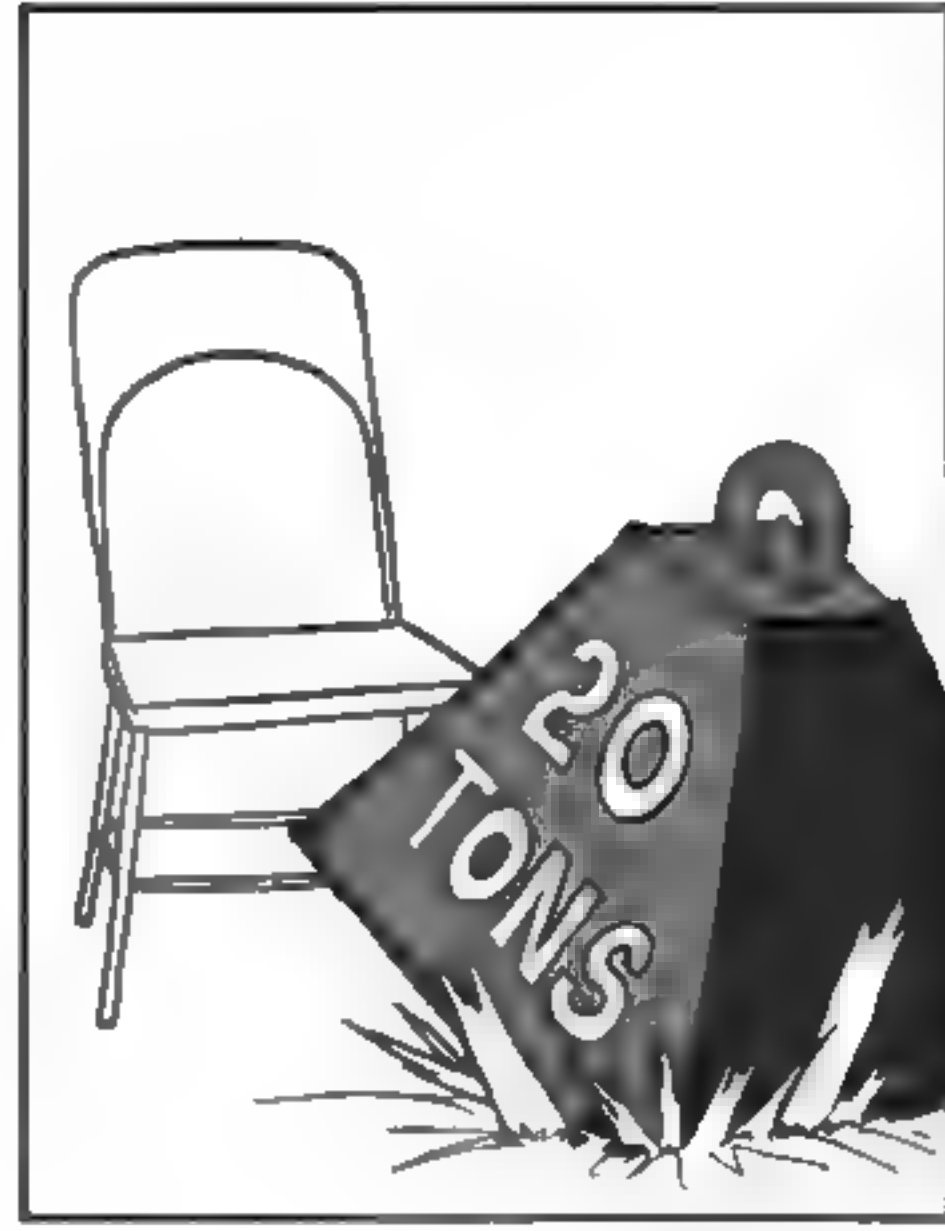
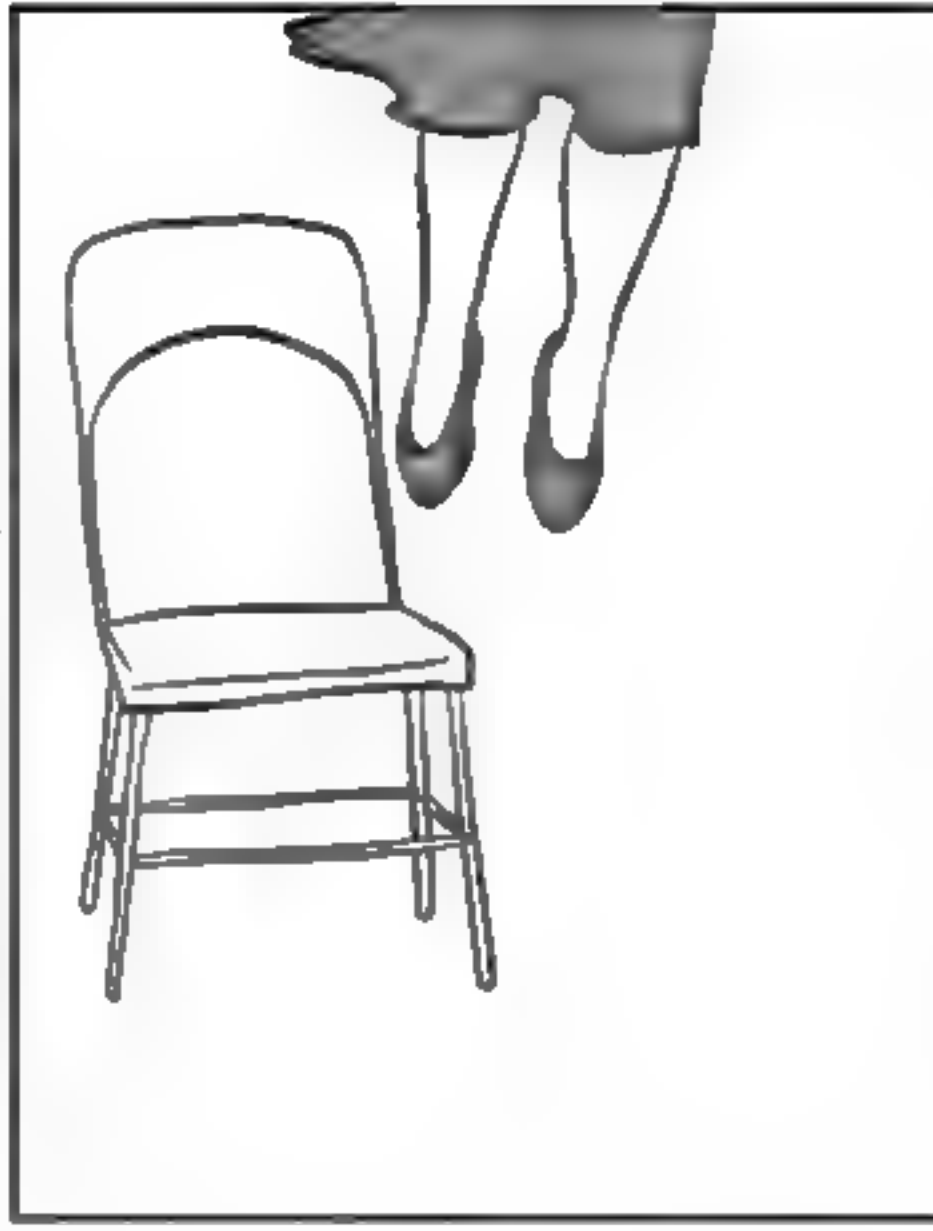


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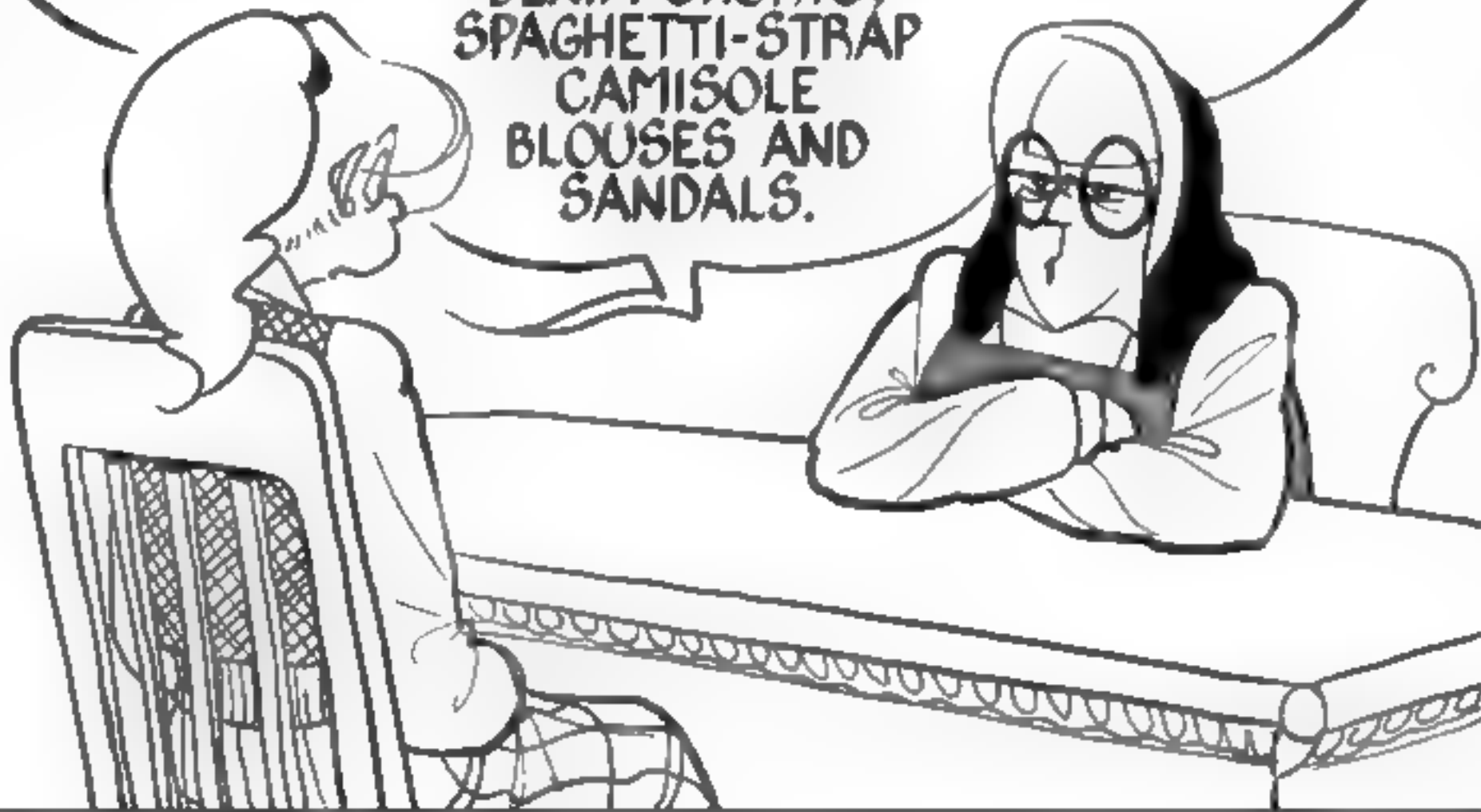




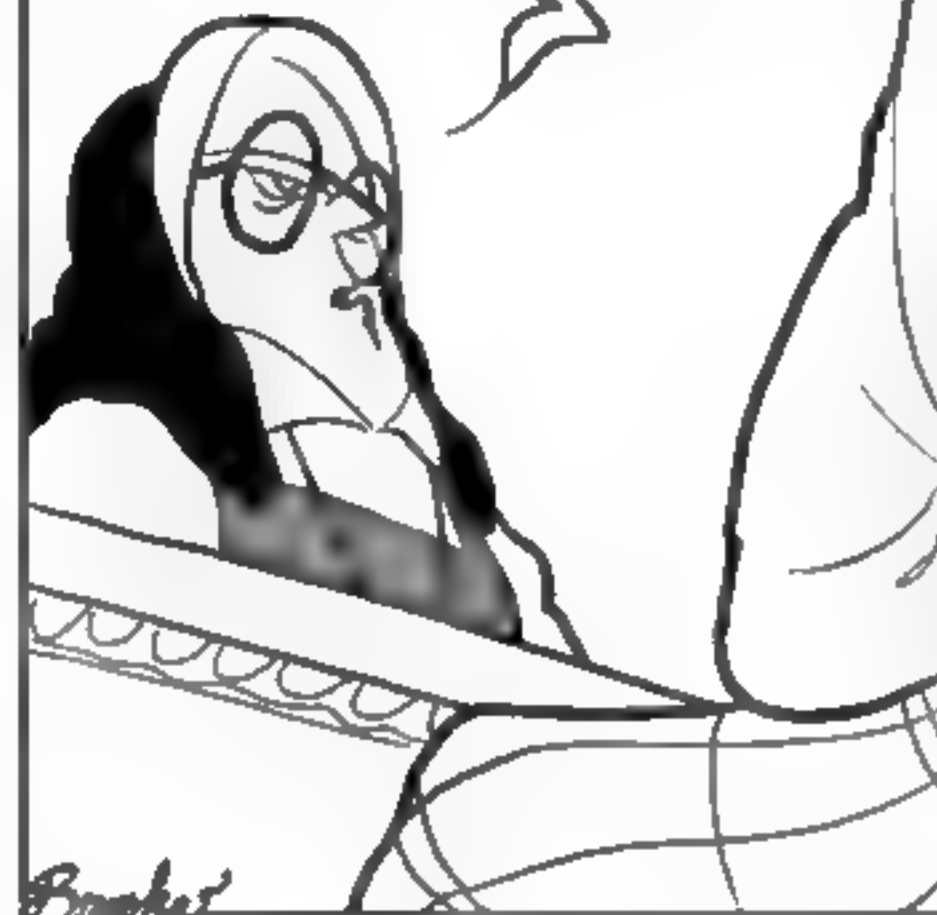
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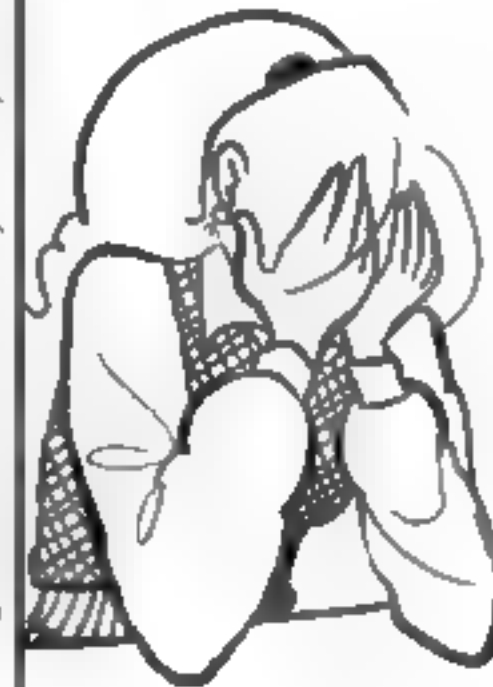
I THINK WE SHOULD ABOLISH THE SCHOOL
UNIFORM AND LET GIRLS WEAR TIGHT, CUT-OFF
DENIM SHORTS,
SPAGHETTI-STRAP
CAMISOLE
BLOUSES AND
SANDALS.



YOU'RE WEARING BROWN
SHOES INSTEAD OF BLACK
TODAY, AREN'T YOU?

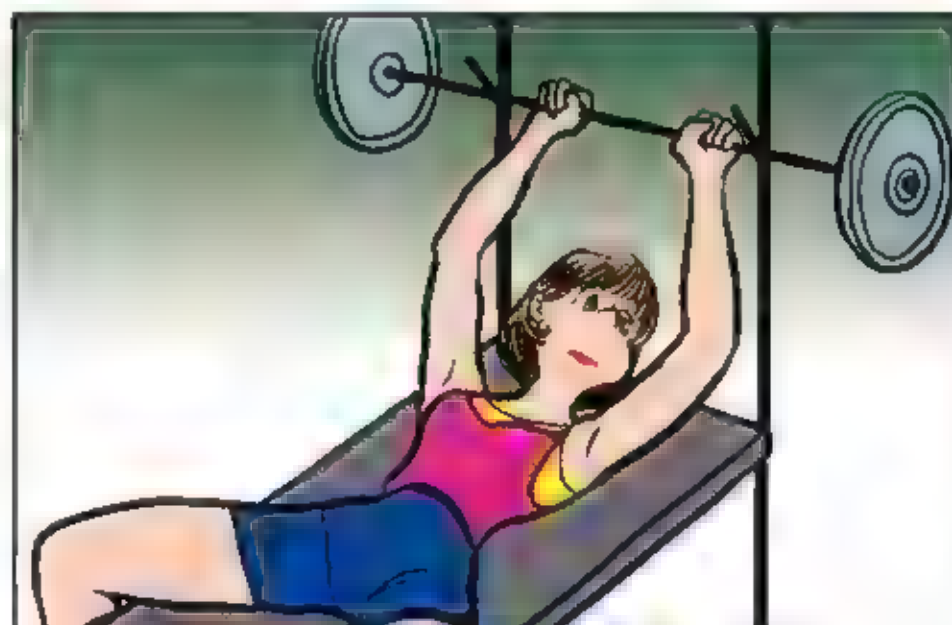
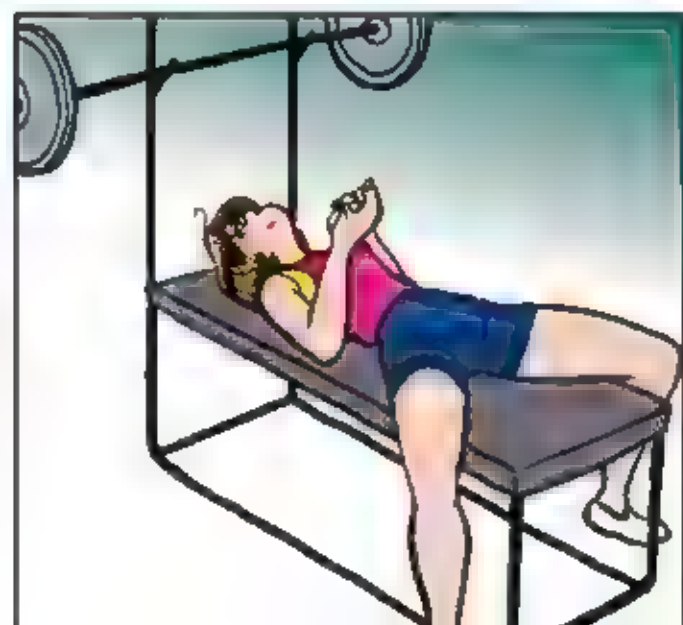
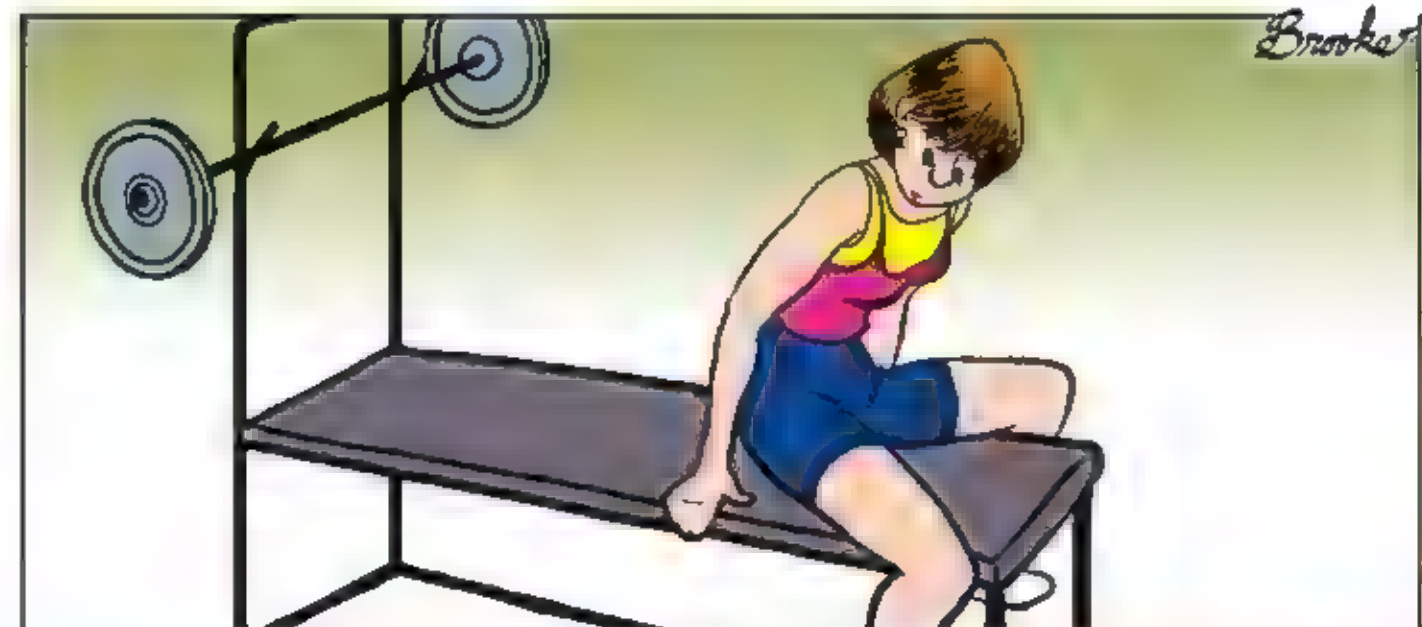
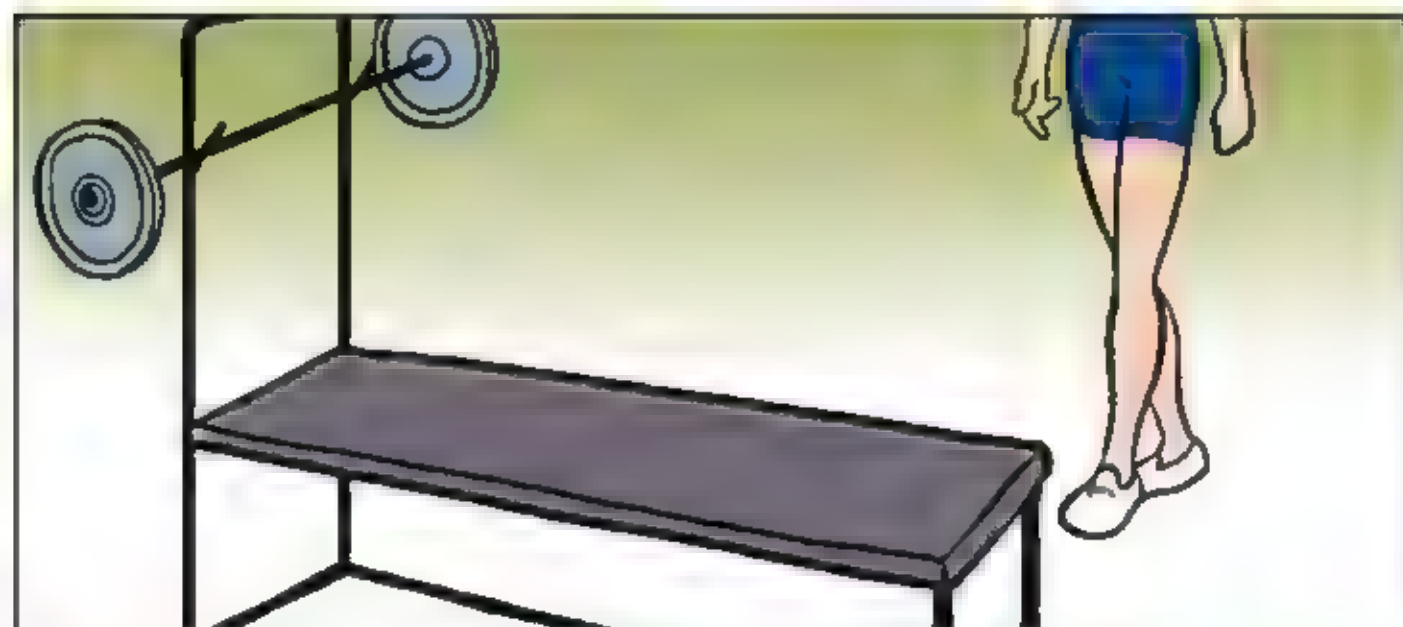


HOW
DID YOU
KNOW?!

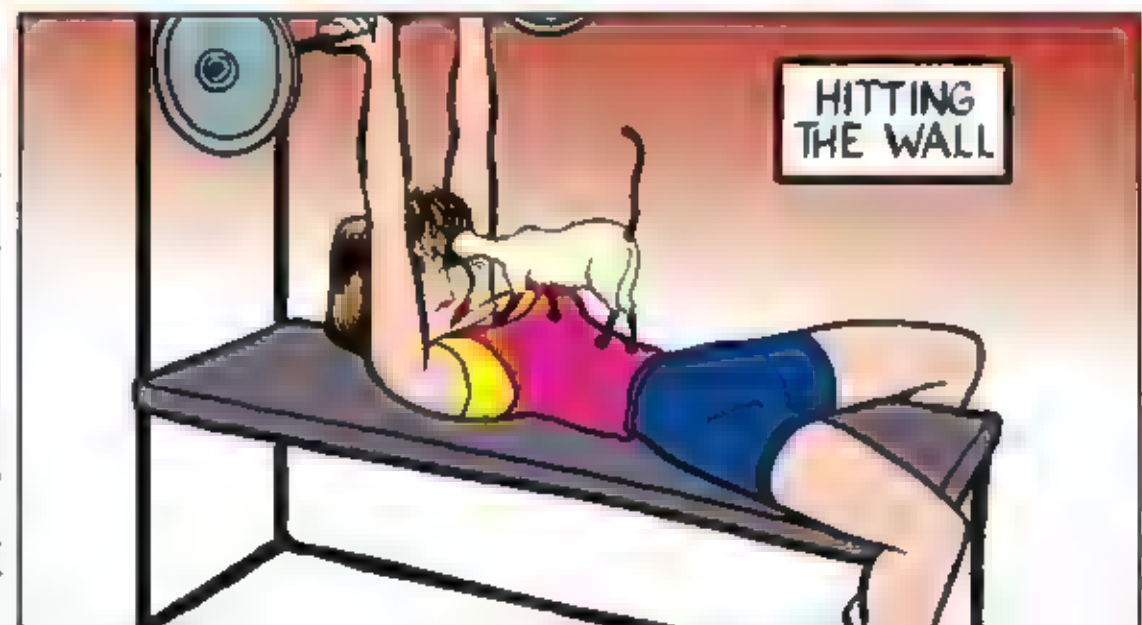


I CAN TELL
WHEN I'M
BEING
PREPPED.

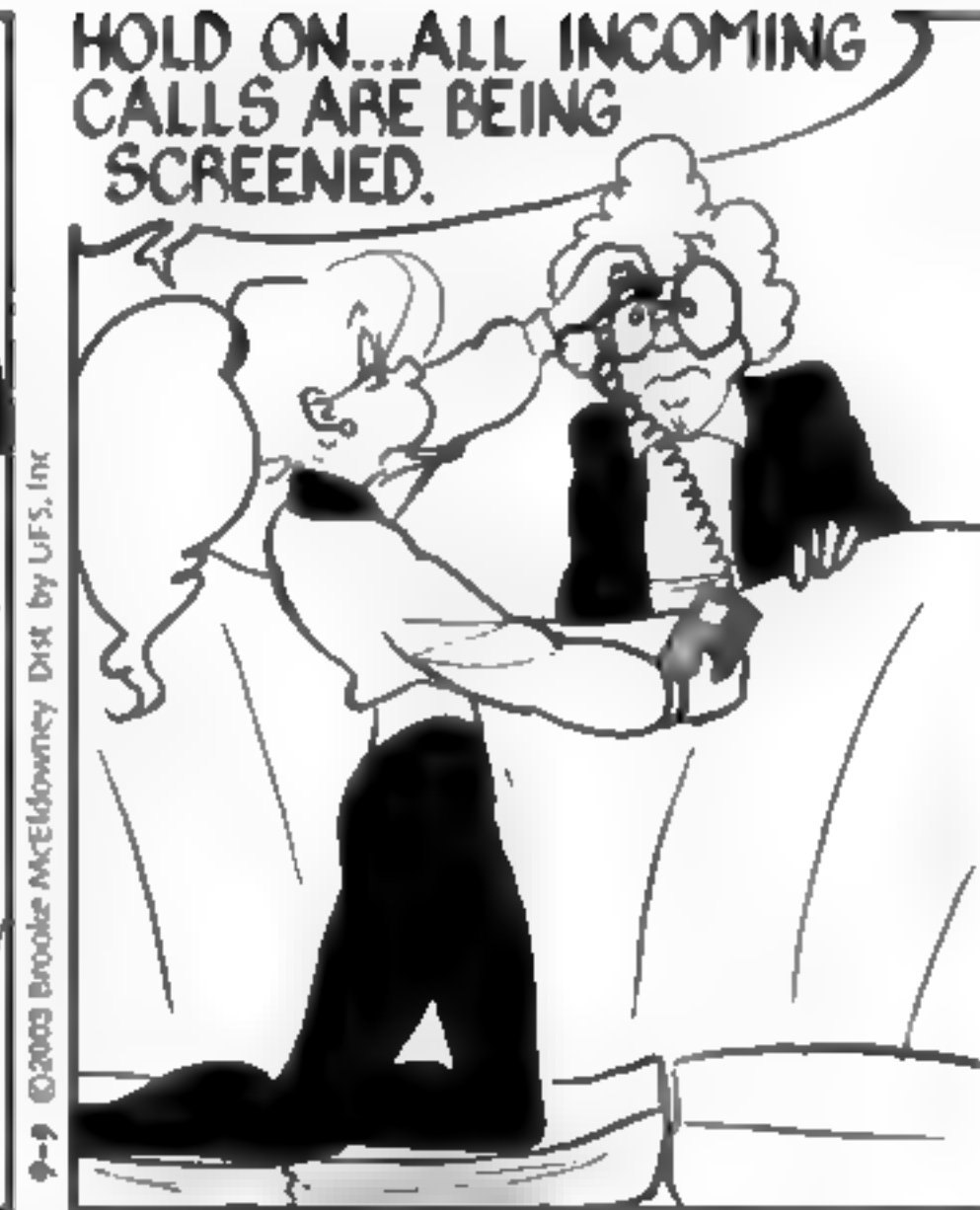




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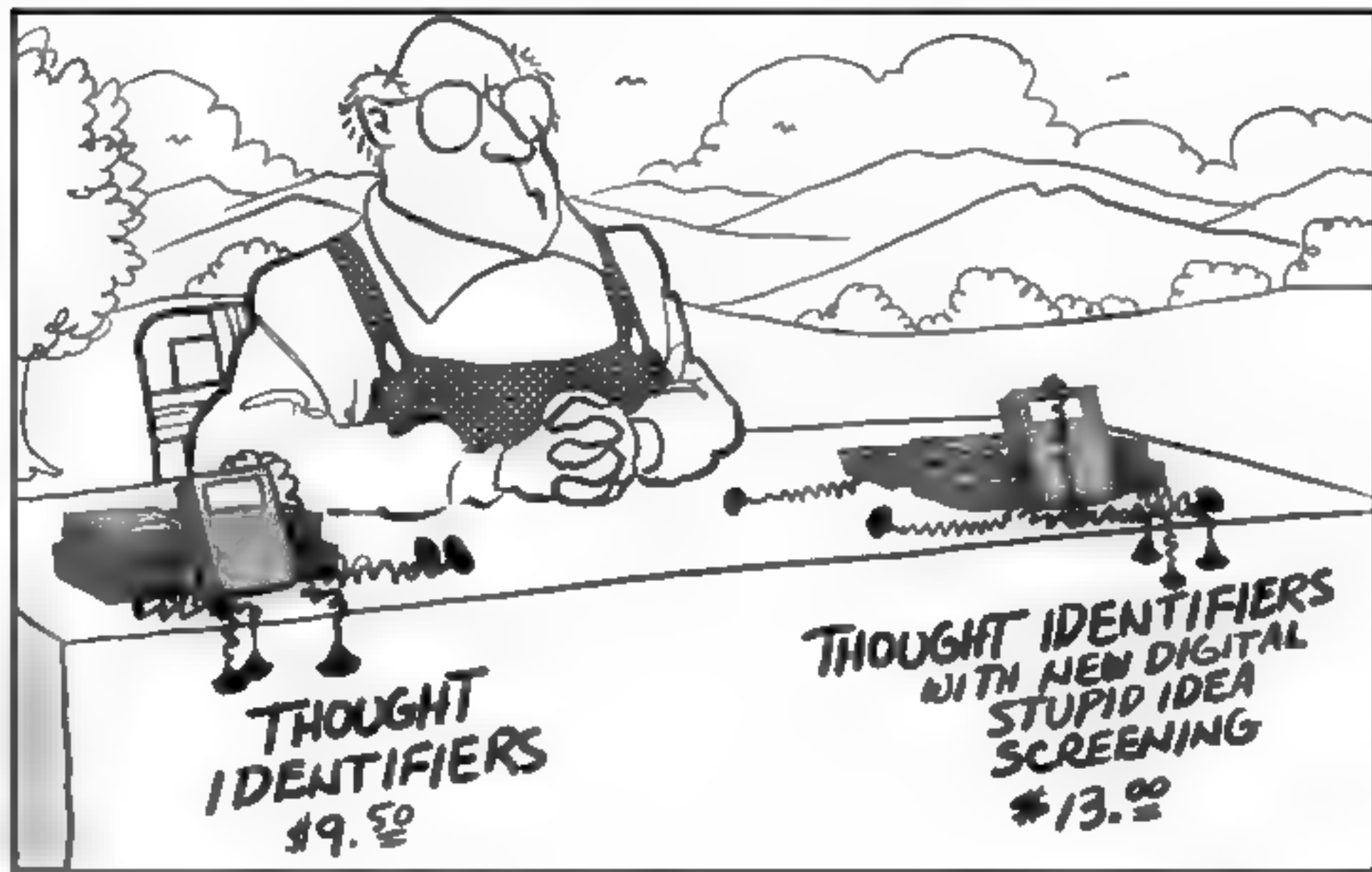


YOU CAN'T
ATTACH A BOX
WITH A COILED
CORD TO MY
FOREHEAD AND
CALL IT A
"THOUGHT
IDENTIFIER"!

WHERE
DID YOU
GET THIS
IDIOTIC
THING!?

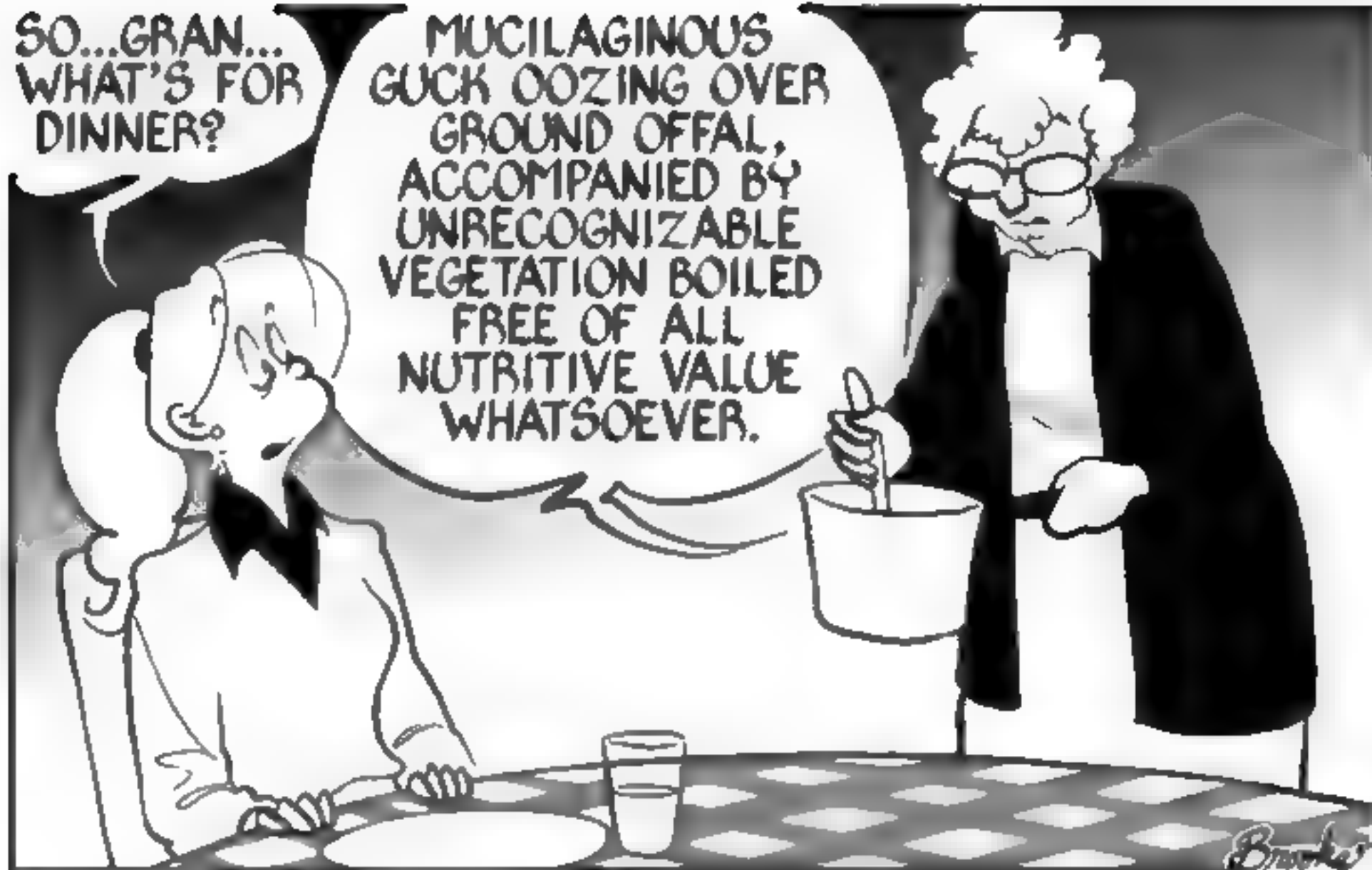
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SO...GRAN...
WHAT'S FOR
DINNER?

MUCILAGINOUS
GUCK OOZING OVER
GROUND OFFAL,
ACCOMPANIED BY
UNRECOGNIZABLE
VEGETATION BOILED
FREE OF ALL
NUTRITIVE VALUE
WHATSOEVER.



YOU KNOW, IF YOU'RE
GOING TO PICK UP THE EXTENSION,
YOU MIGHT GIVE A LITTLE COUGH...
...OR AT THE VERY LEAST QUOTE
ME WITH LESS PRECISION.

PASS THE
GUCK BOAT,
PUMPKIN.





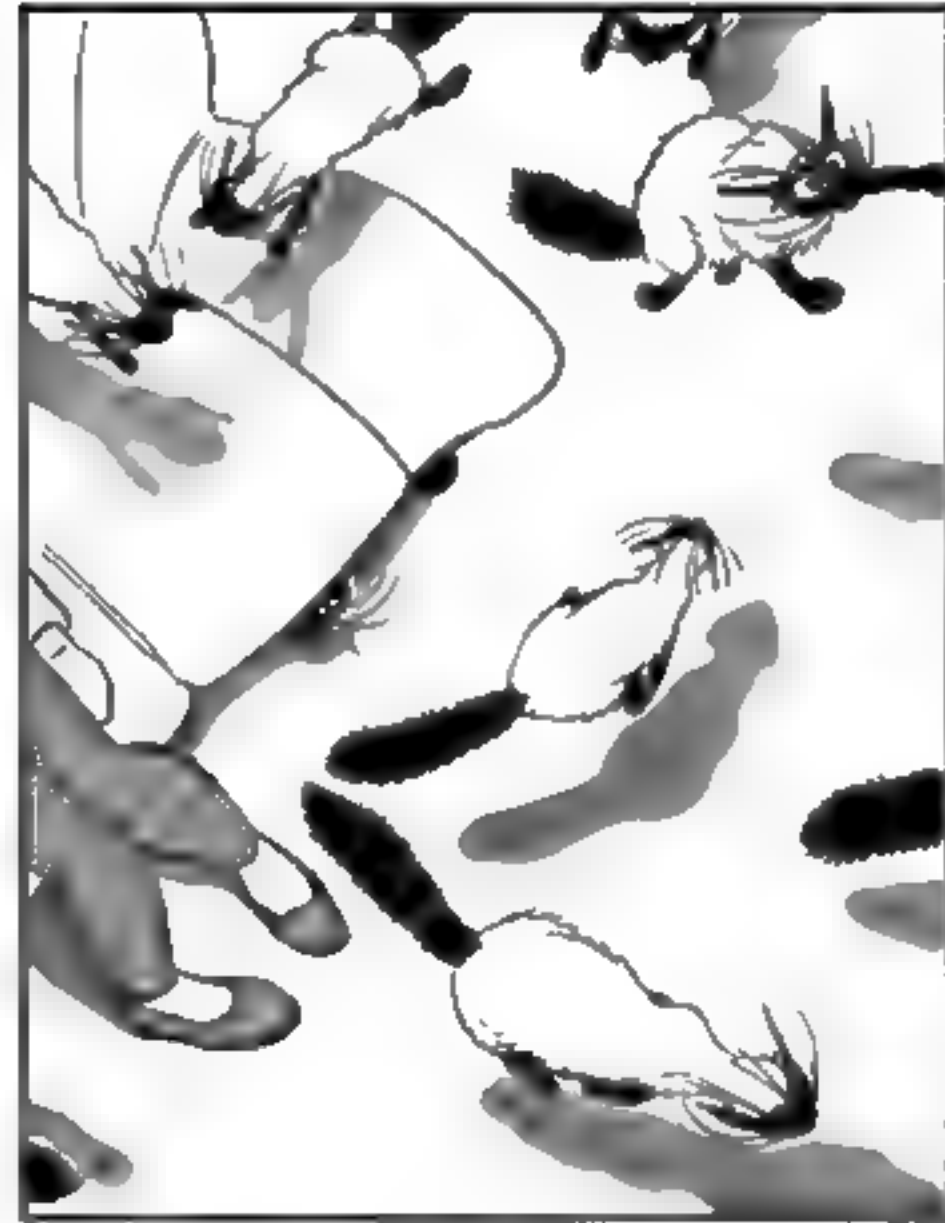
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THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM



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THE CALM AFTER THE STORM



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OKAY,
NOW DON'T
FORGET...
...BEND WITH
YOUR KNEES...



...AND
WATCH OUT
FOR ANY
FLYING
UNDERWIRE.

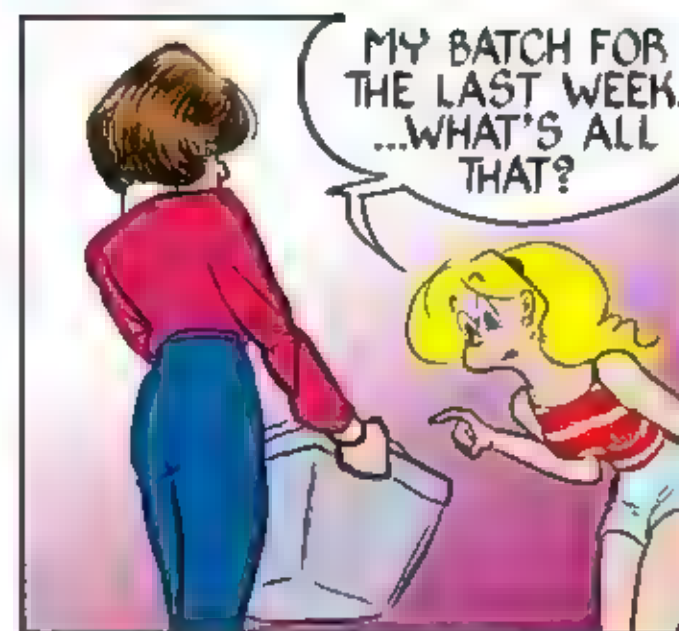


EDDA, I'M DOING
A LOAD OF
UNDERWEAR.
...DO YOU HAVE
ANY?

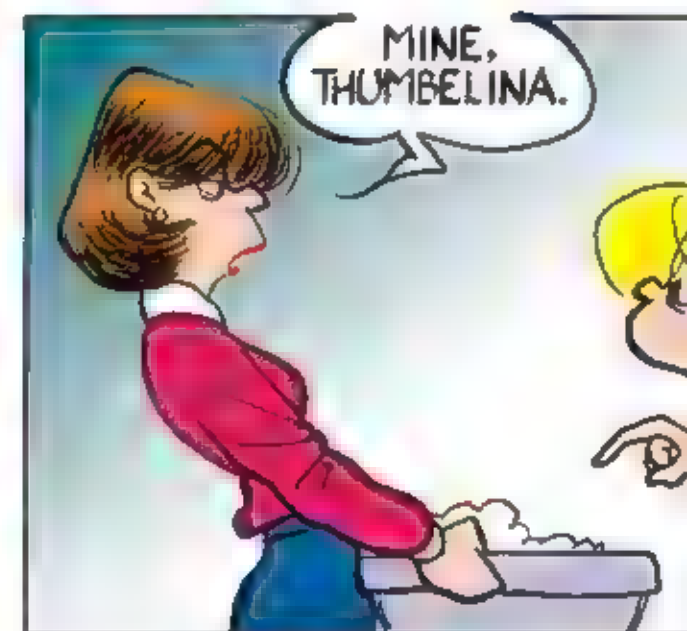


HERE.

WHAT'S
THAT?



MY BATCH FOR
THE LAST WEEK.
...WHAT'S ALL
THAT?



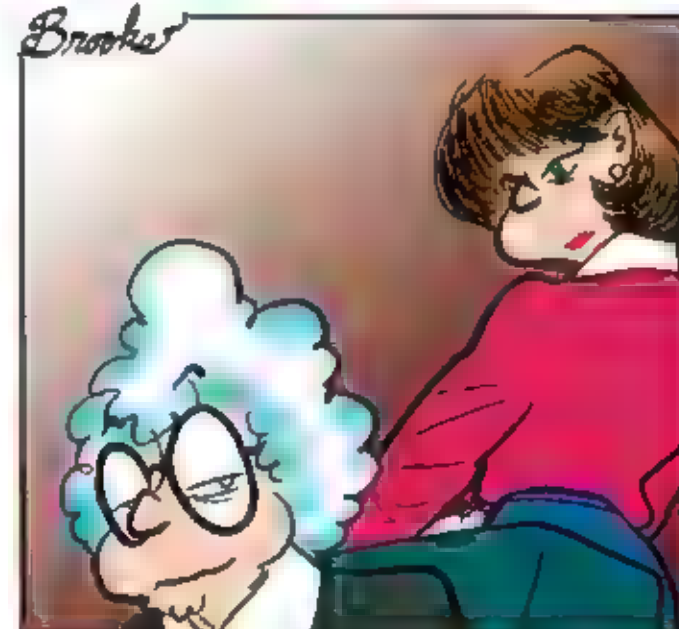
MINE,
THUMBELINA.



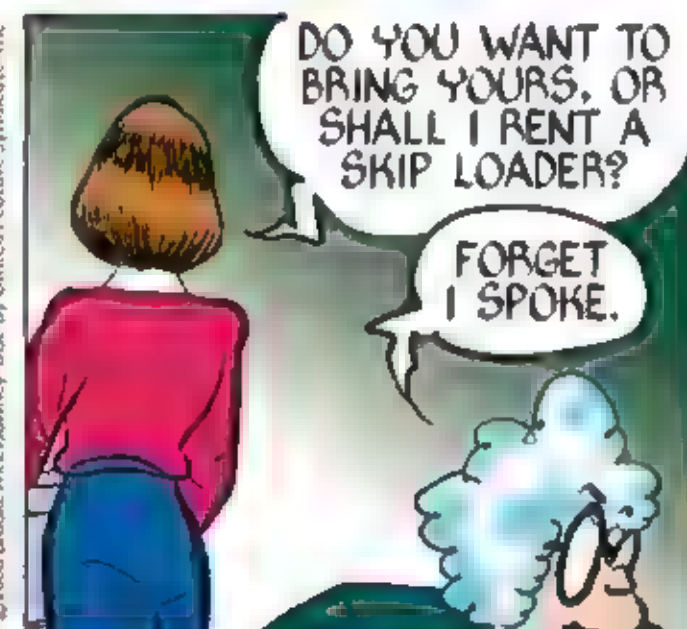
HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED
THE CORRELATION
BETWEEN THE VOLUME
OF A WOMAN'S
UNDERWEAR AND HER
AGE?



RATHER LIKE
COUNTING
TREE RINGS.



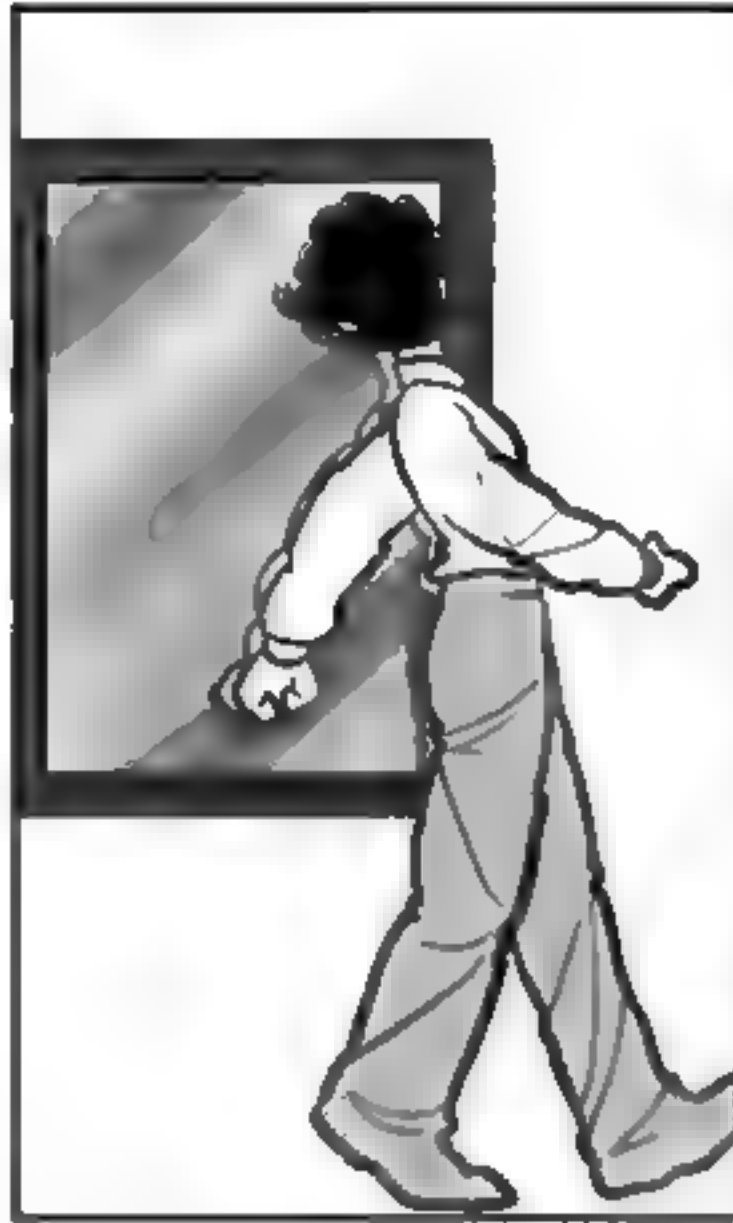
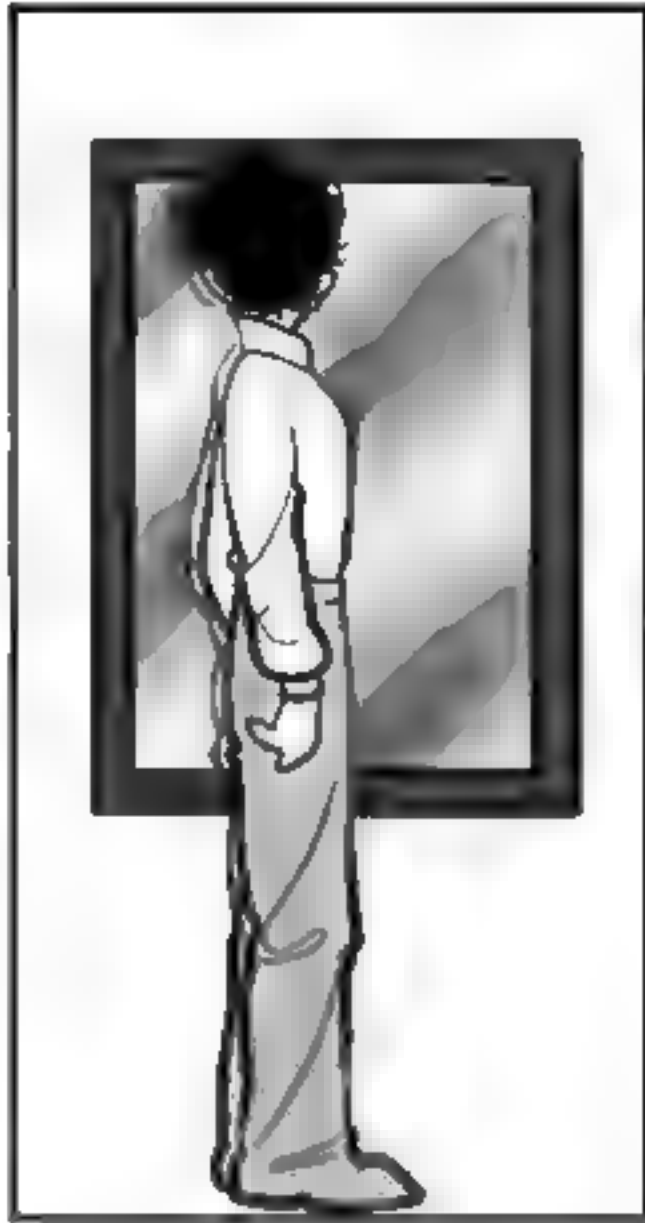
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DO YOU WANT TO
BRING YOURS, OR
SHALL I RENT A
SKIP LOADER?

FORGET
I SPOKE.

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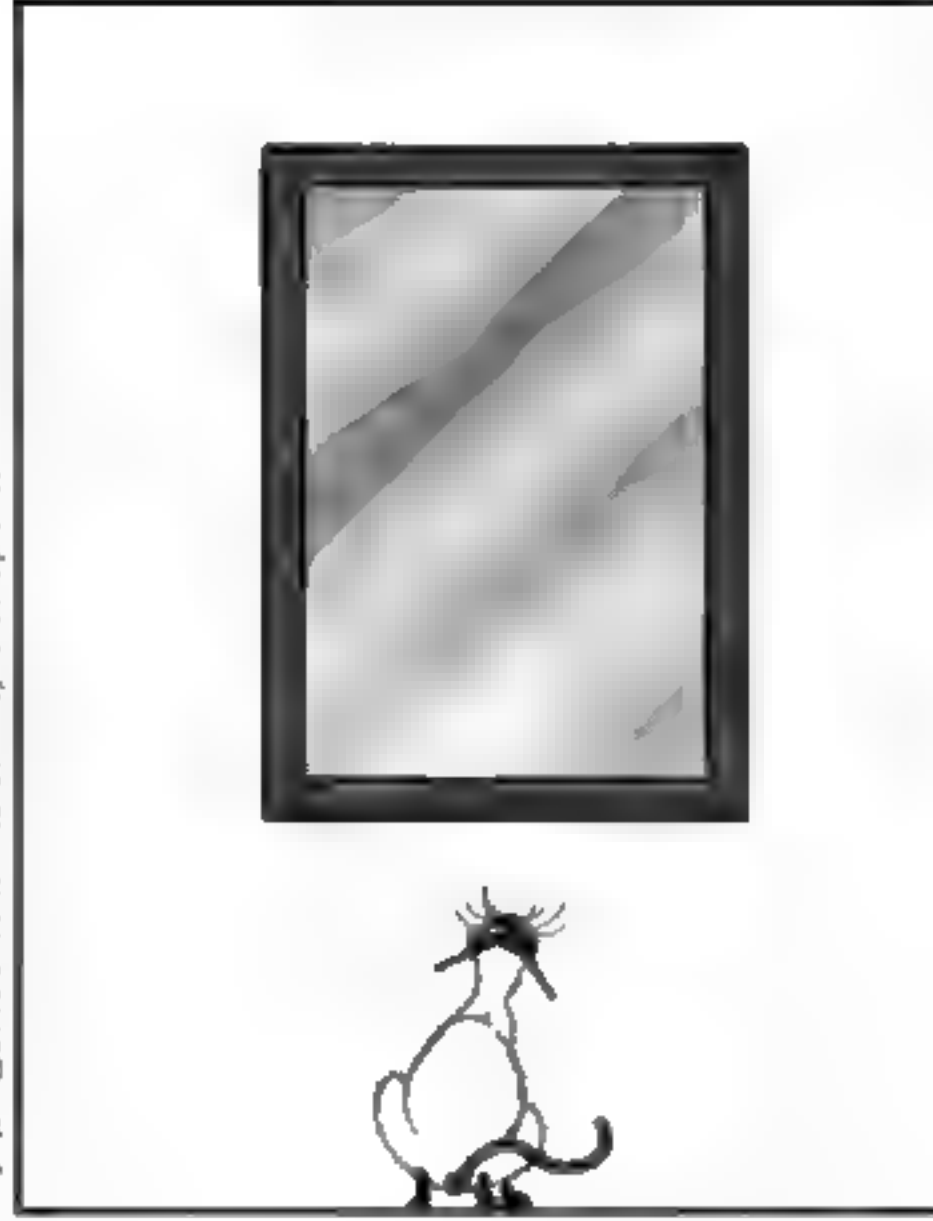


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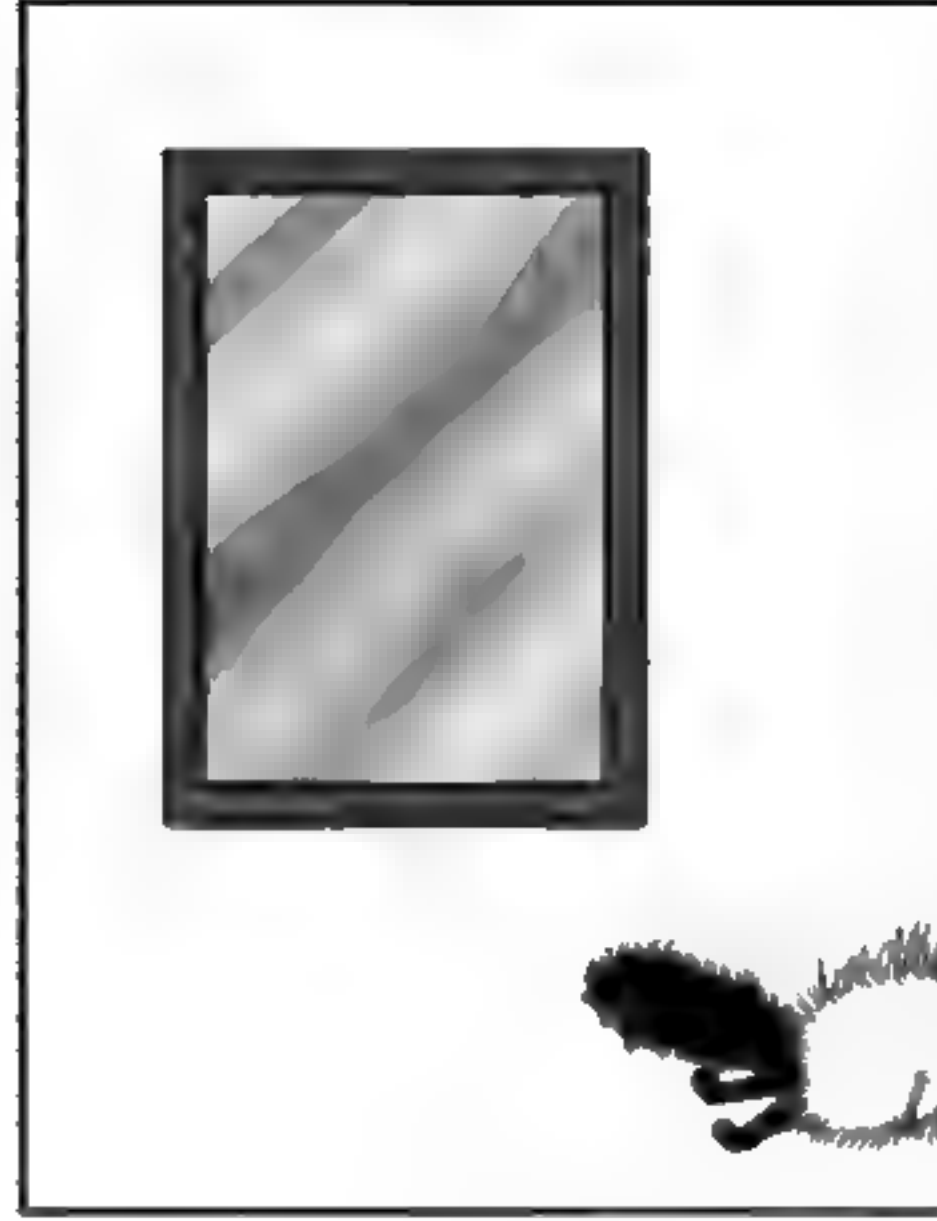




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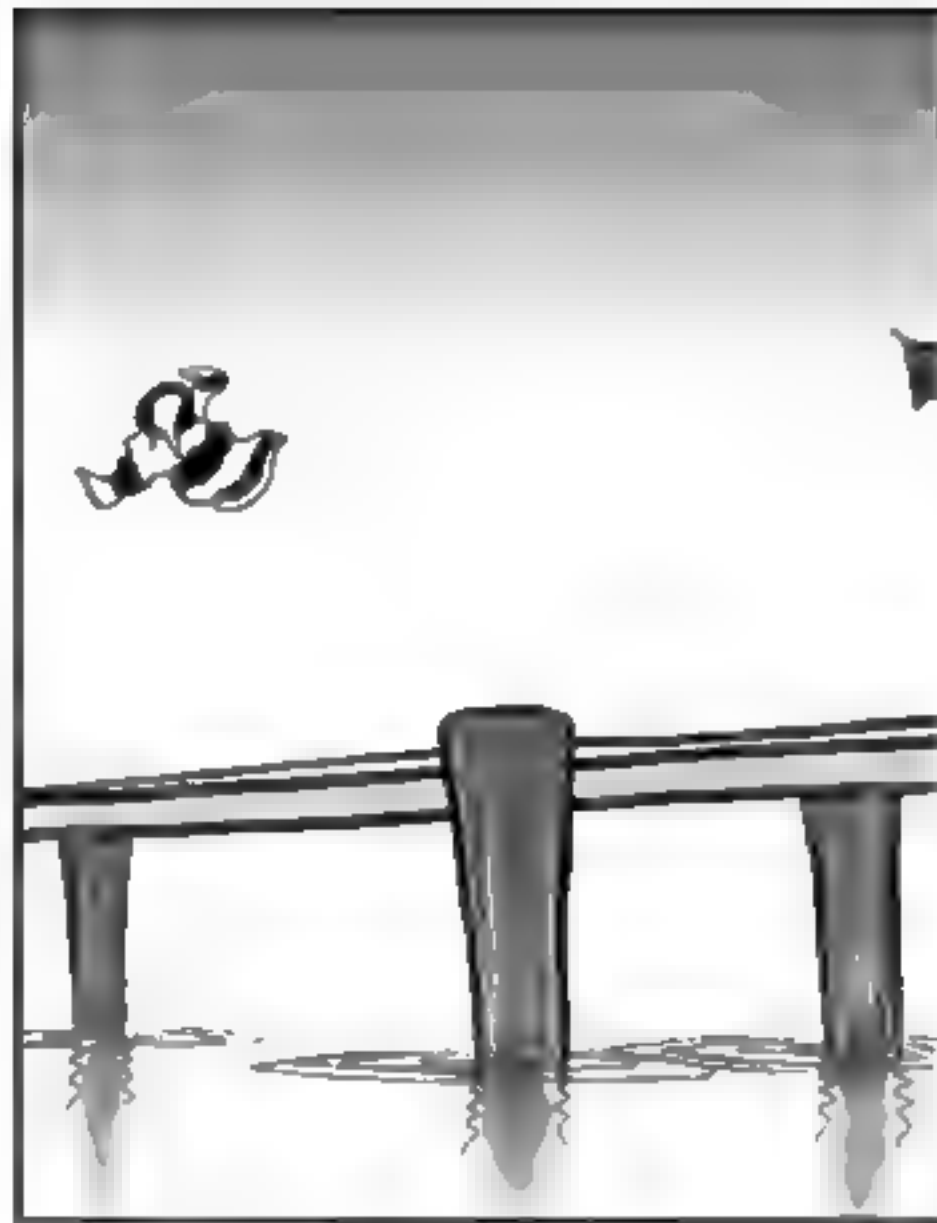
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THERE IS NO
SITUATION
IN LIFE THAT
CANNOT
ACHIEVE...



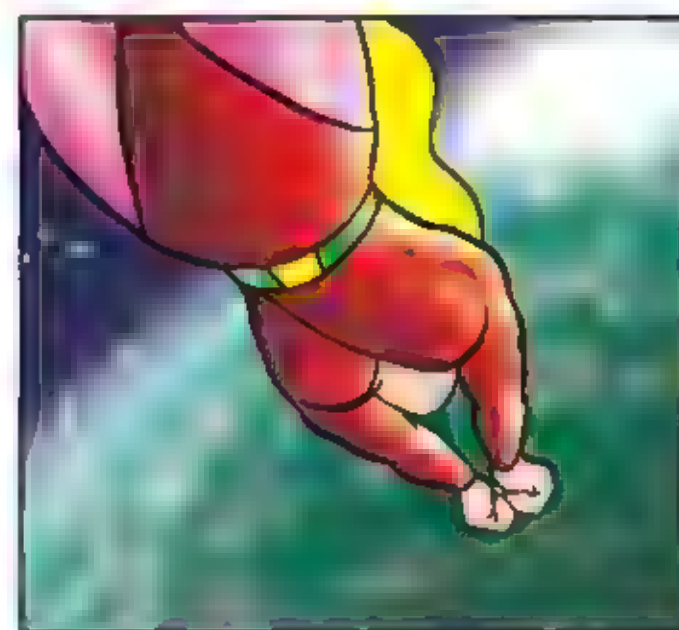
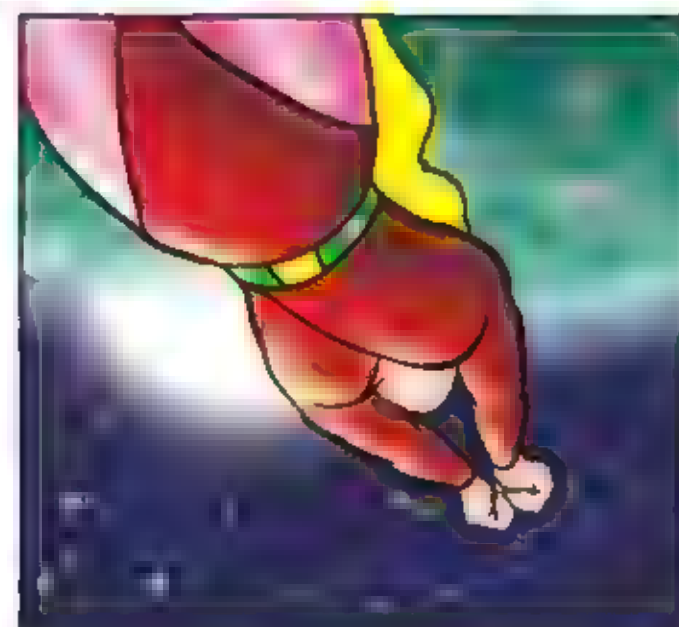
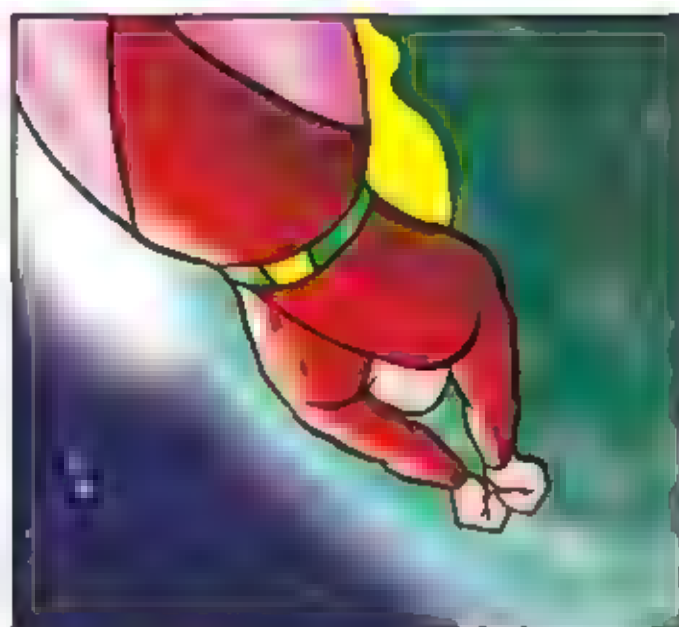
...PERFECTION.

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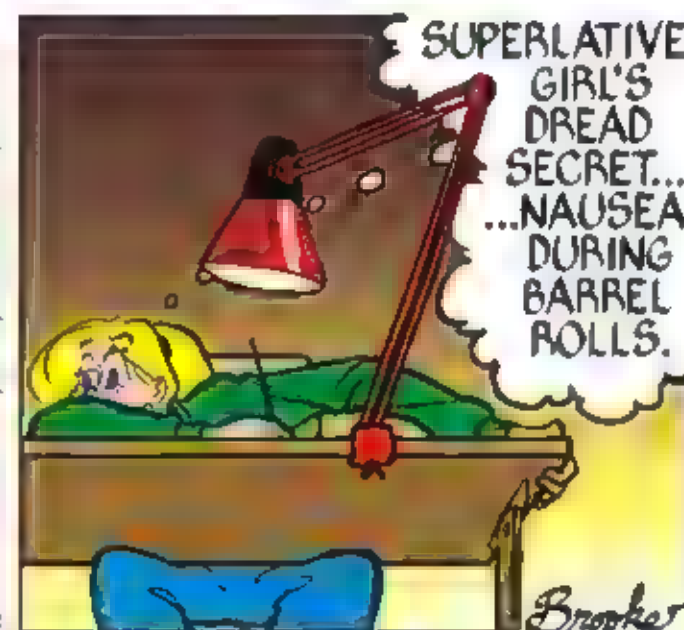




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I'M THINKING OF QUITTING MY JOB...IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A DREAM OF MINE TO WORK FOR MYSELF. SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT THE PREMIUMS ARE FOR INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE.



WELL, YOU MADE A GOOD CHOICE...QUANDARY MUTUAL PROVIDES THE BEST HEALTH INSURANCE MONEY CAN BUY...FIRST WE NEED A LIST OF ANY PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS YOU MAY HAVE.



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THIS IS THE ONLY ONE.



I SEE. WELL, THAT SIMPLIFIES EVERYTHING. ...YOU'RE REJECTED.



I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT'S THE BEST INSURANCE MONEY CAN BUY.



IT IS... WE SIMPLY WON'T SELL IT TO YOU.



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WELL, IF YOU CAN'T SELL
ME INDIVIDUAL HEALTH
INSURANCE, COULD YOU
COVER ME AS A SMALL
BUSINESS OF ONE?

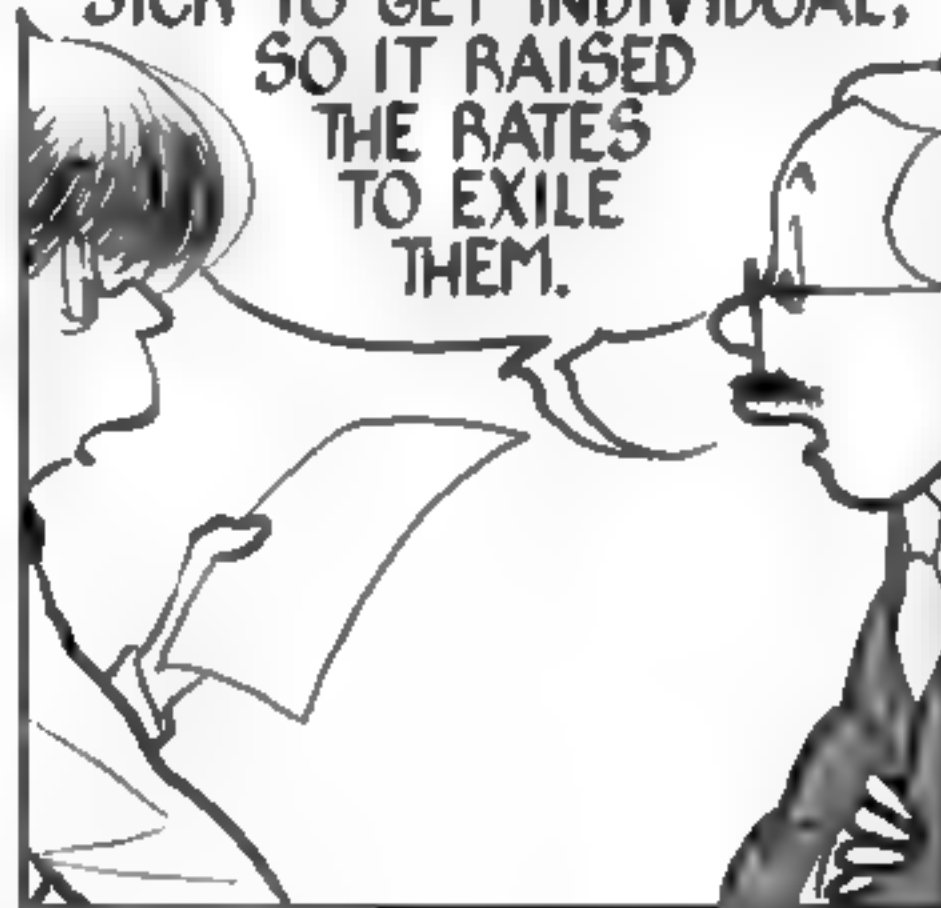


HERE'S THE SCALE...WE
JUST RAISED
IT BY 78
PERCENT.

OMIGOD!
THAT'S MORE
THAN MY
MORTGAGE!



THE COMPANY CONCLUDED
THAT ANYONE WHO WOULD
OPT FOR SMALL BUSINESS
COVERAGE MUST BE TOO
SICK TO GET INDIVIDUAL,
SO IT RAISED
THE RATES
TO EXILE
THEM.



ISN'T IT YOUR
BUSINESS TO INSURE
PEOPLE'S HEALTH?!

YES,
BUT NOT THEIR
SICKNESSES.



MAYBE WITH ONE OF THE
LOWER-RATED
COMPANIES, I
COULD FIND
SOMEONE TO
GIVE YOU
COVERAGE.



OF COURSE, THEY'LL PROB-
ABLY PUT AN EXCLUSION
RIDER ON ANY PART OF
YOUR BODY THAT MIGHT
BE AFFECTED BY YOUR
CONDITION...THAT MEANS
THEY'LL INSURE ONLY THE
ORGANS THAT WON'T
GET SICK.



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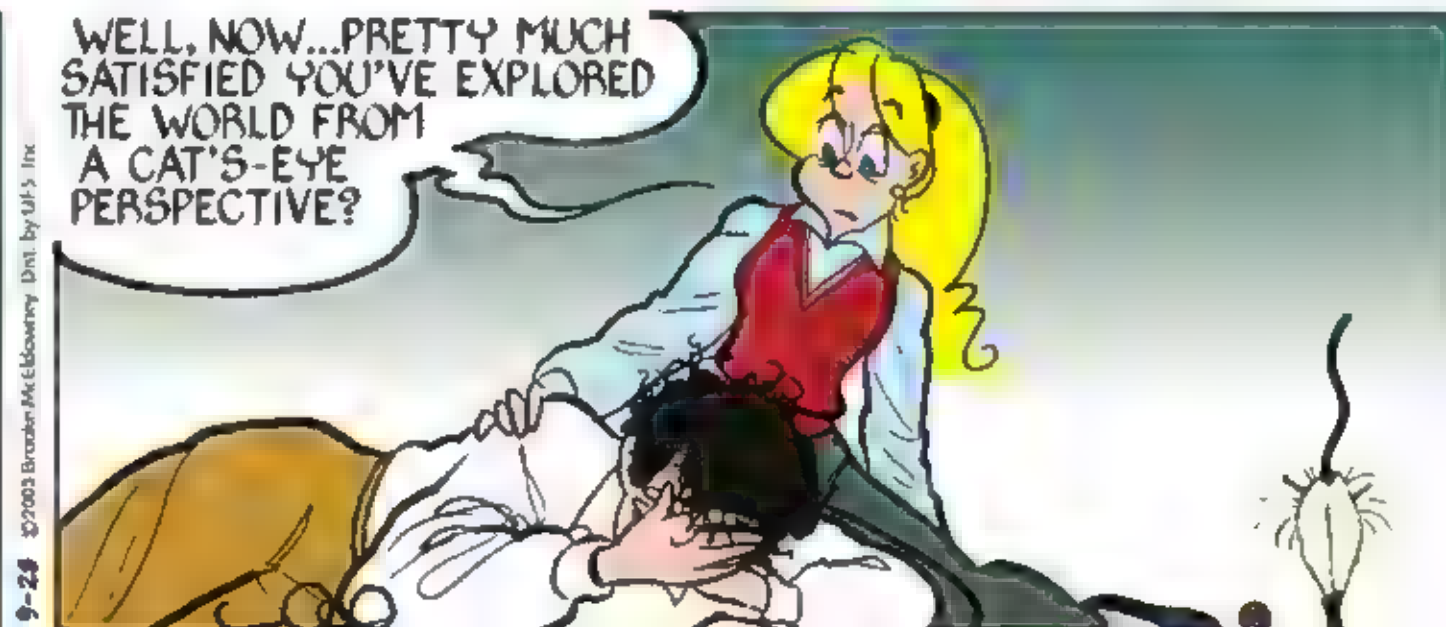
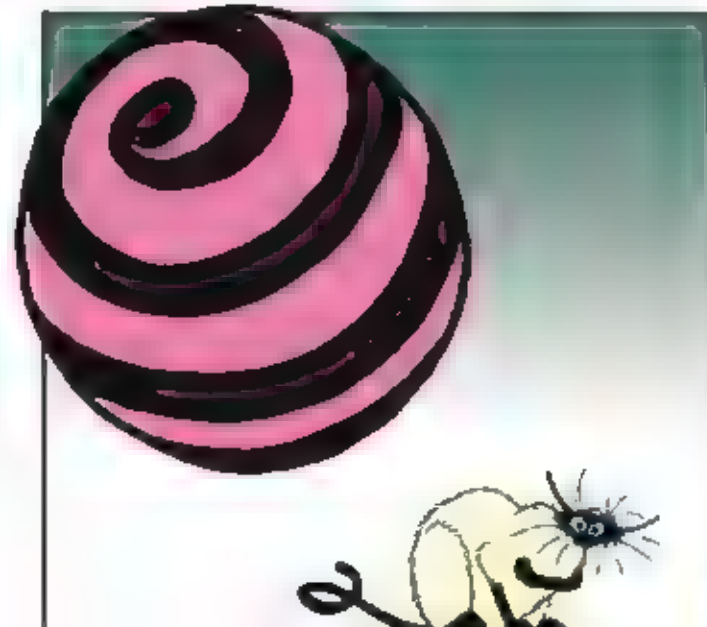
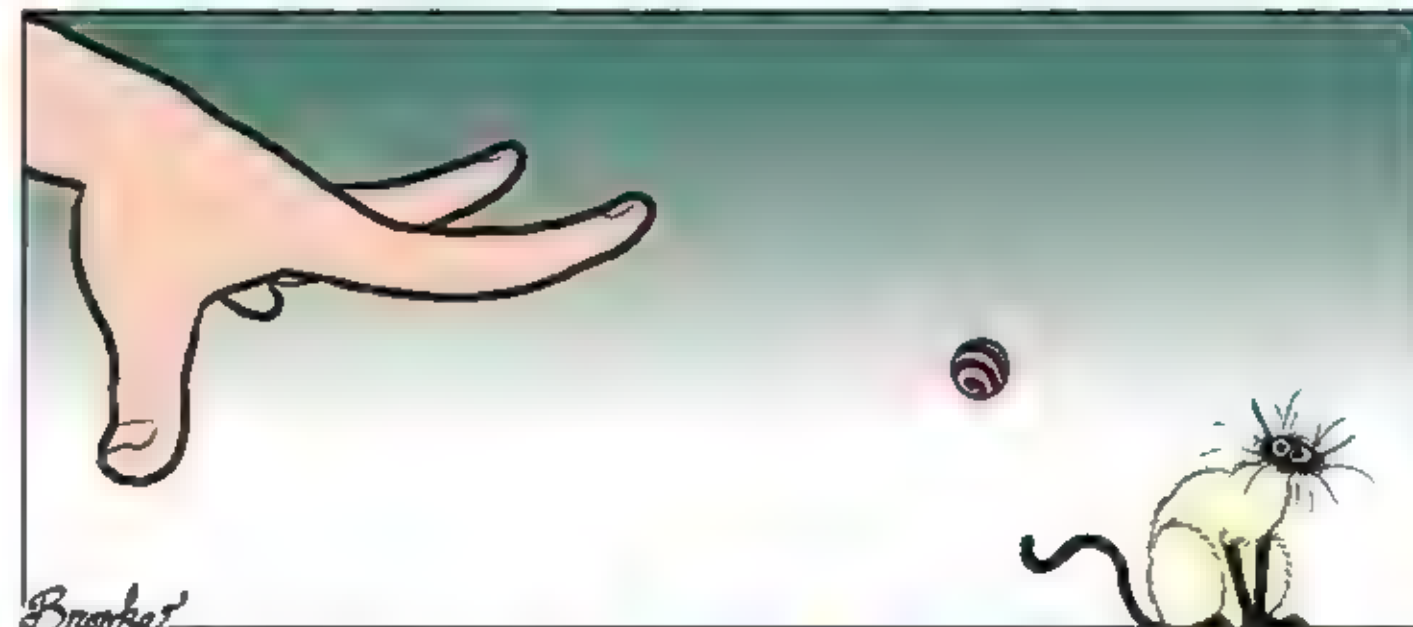
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BY THAT YOU MEAN THE UNHEALTHY?

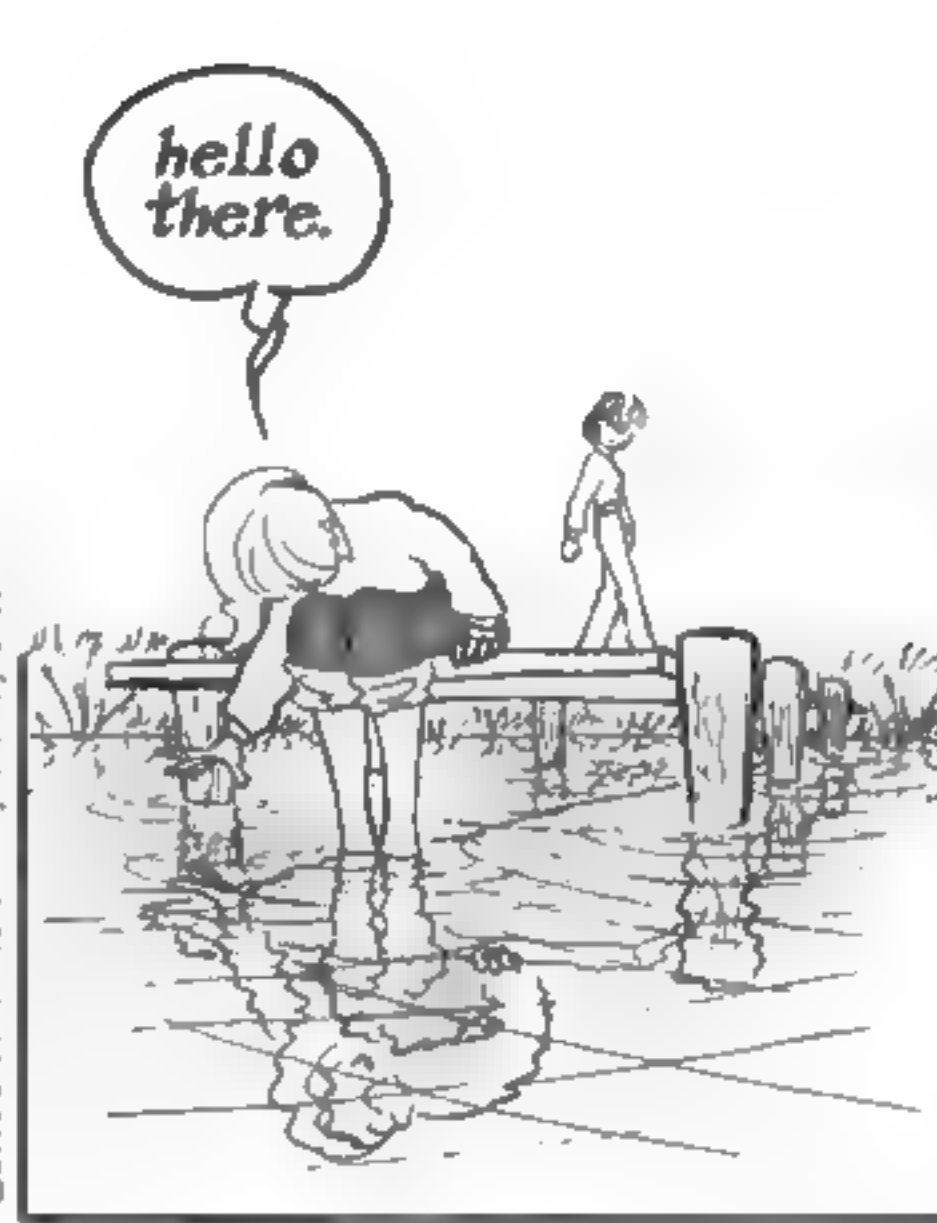
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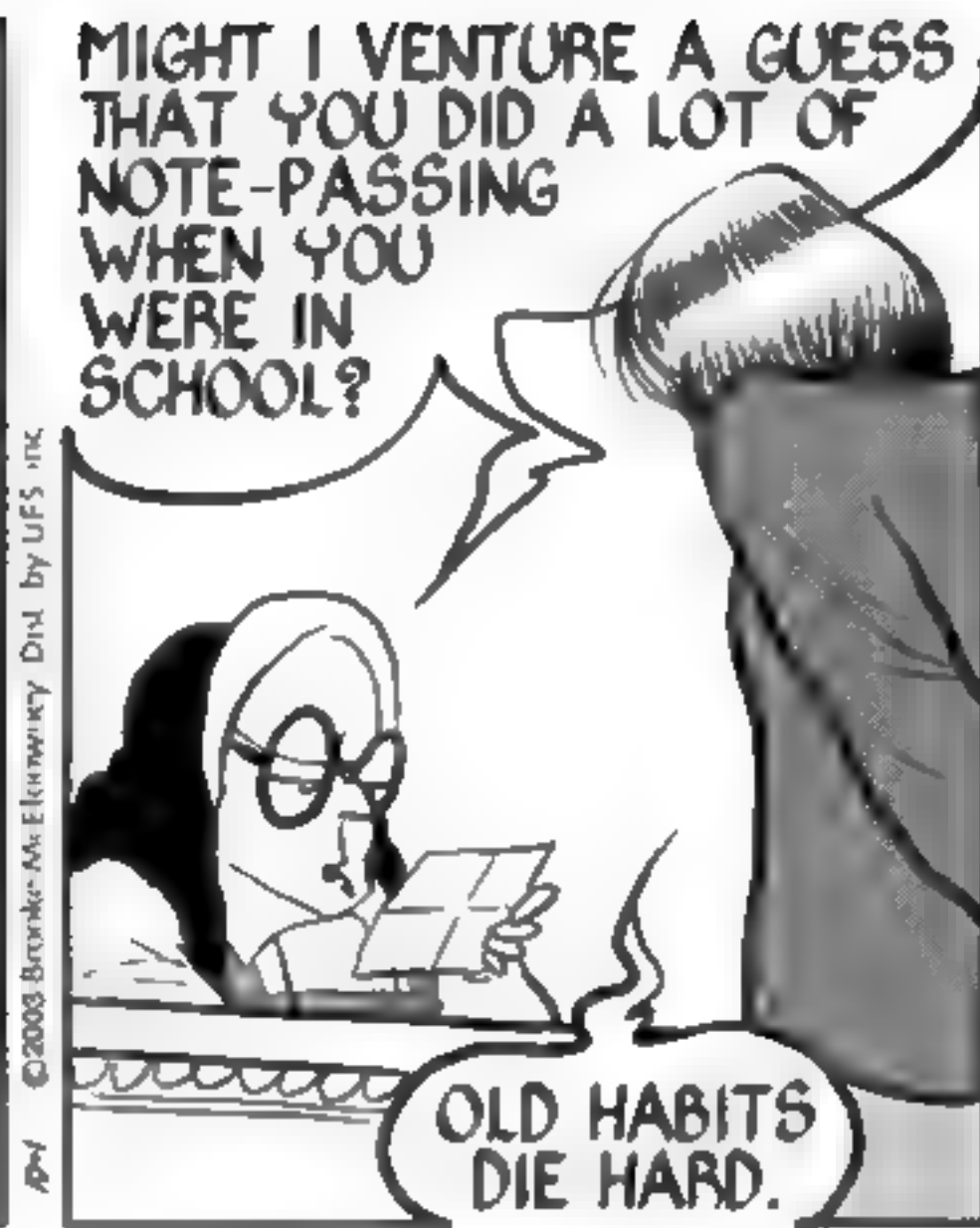
FOOTNOTE
TO
TECHNOLOGY

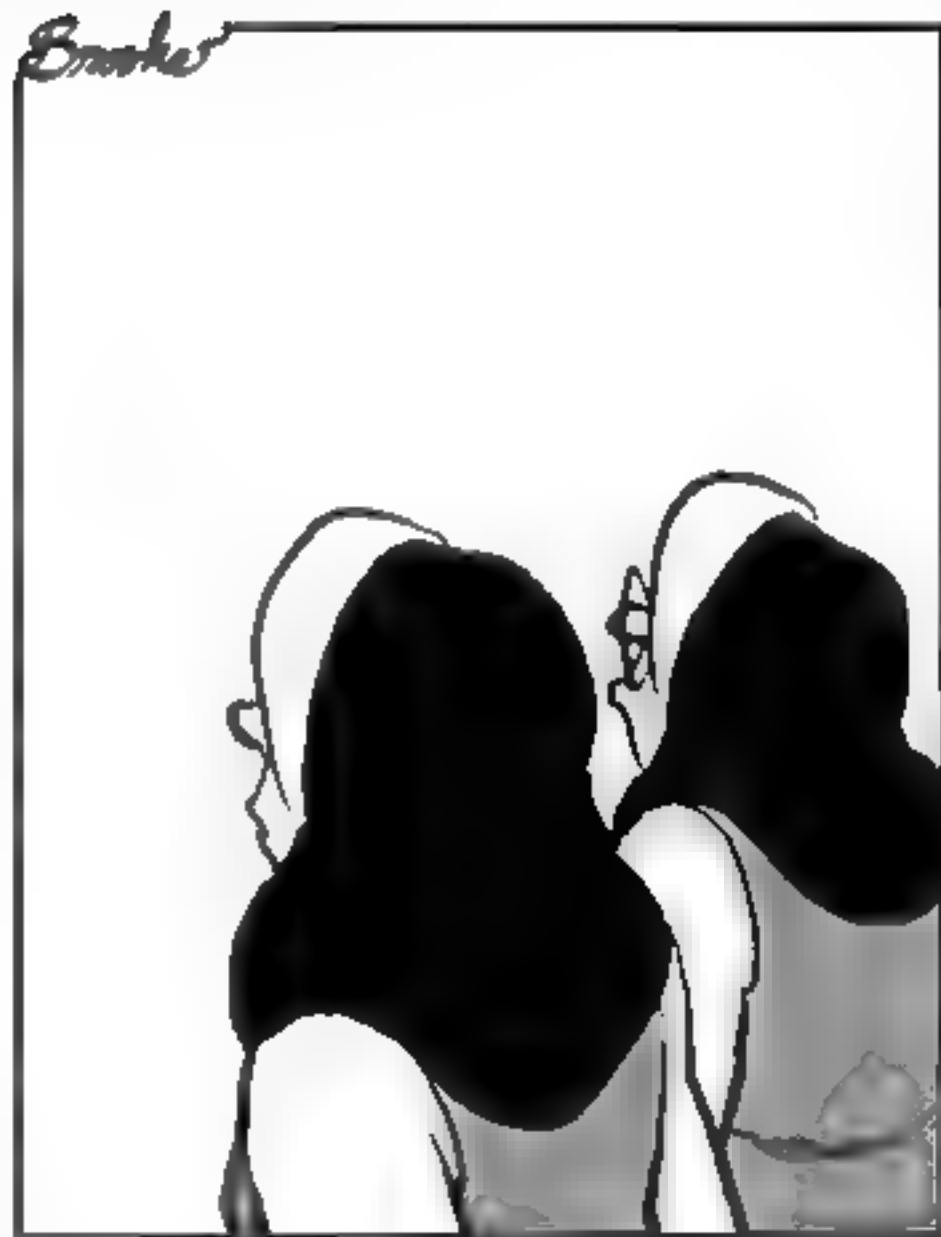
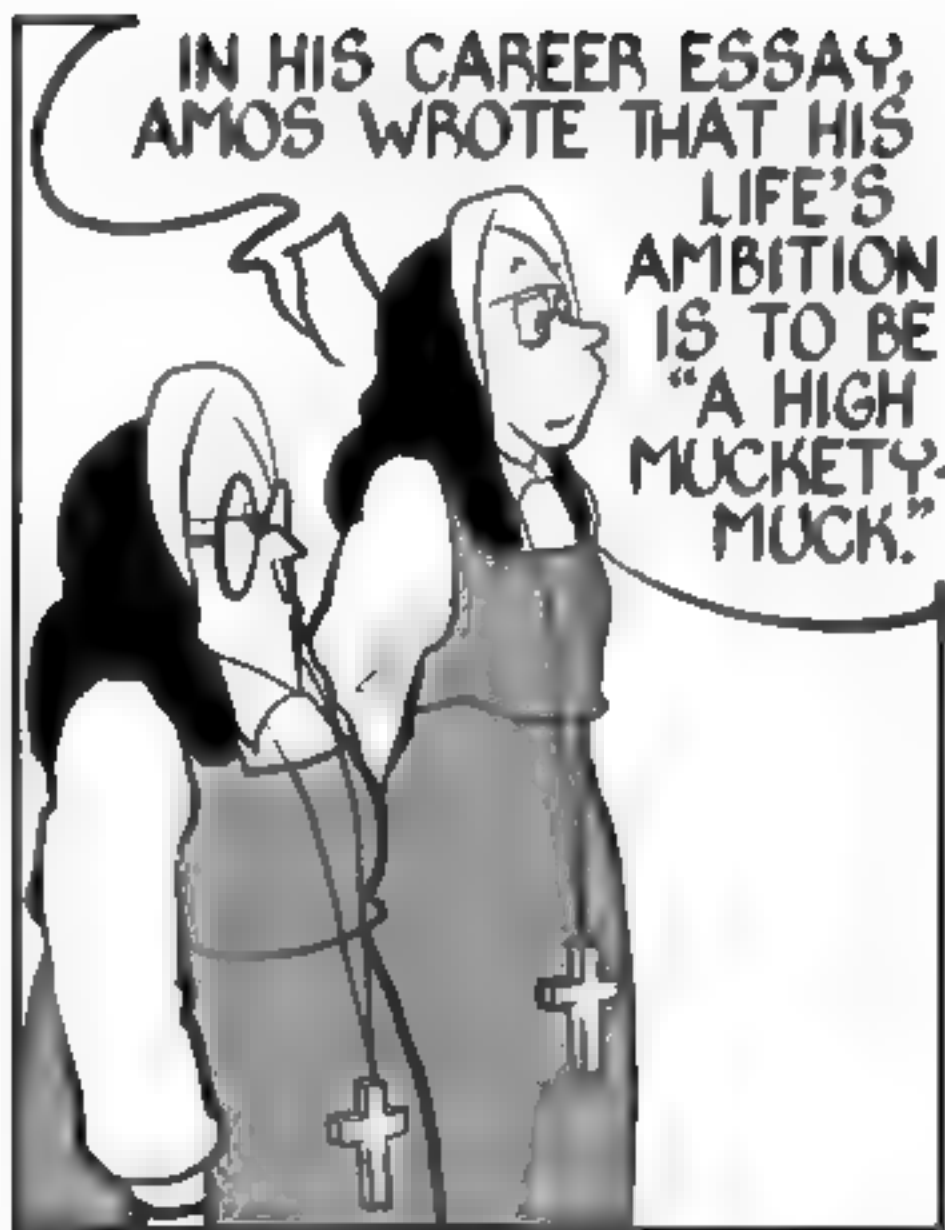


THE ADVENT OF THE
AA BATTERY
MARKED A DARK DAY
INDEED.



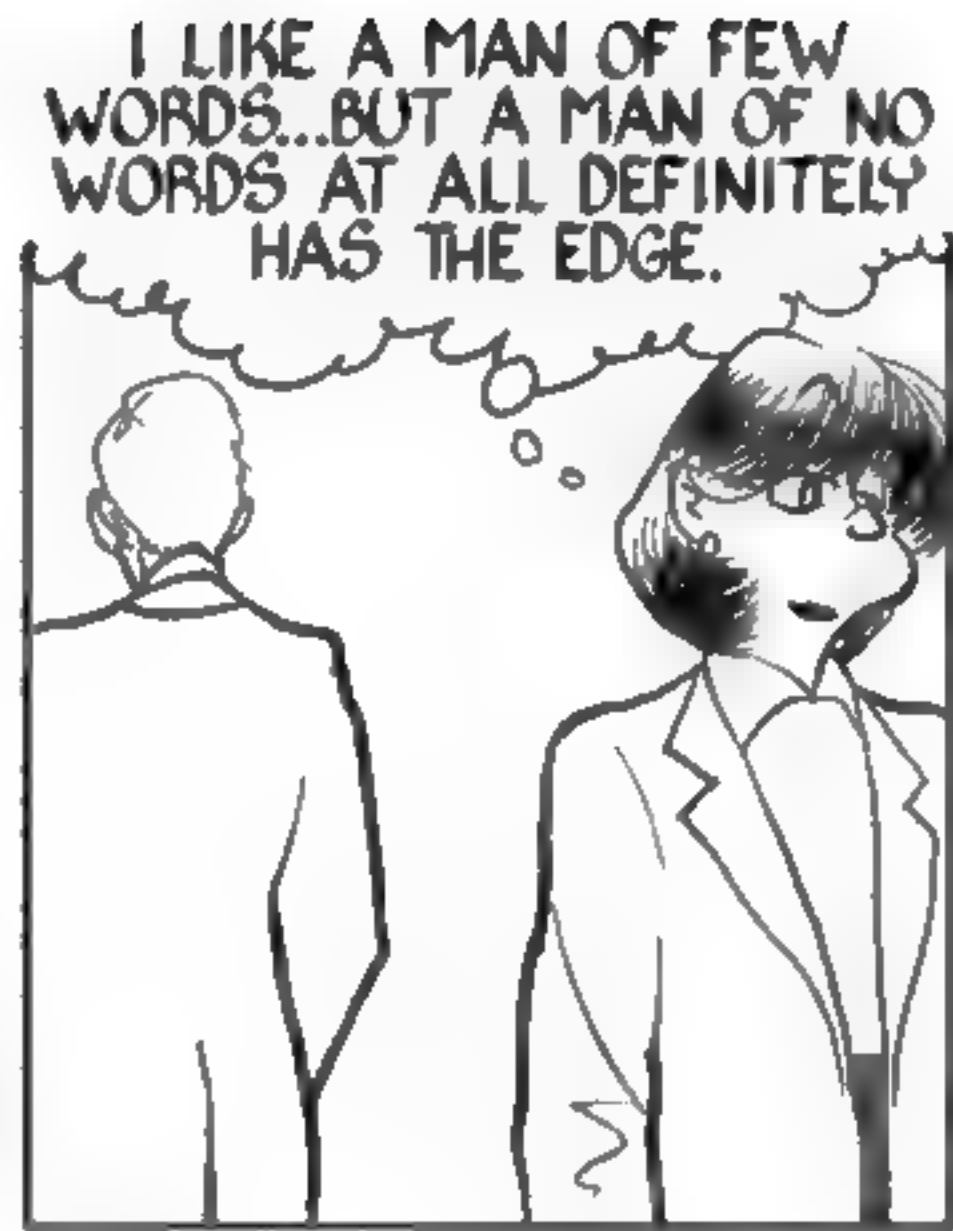
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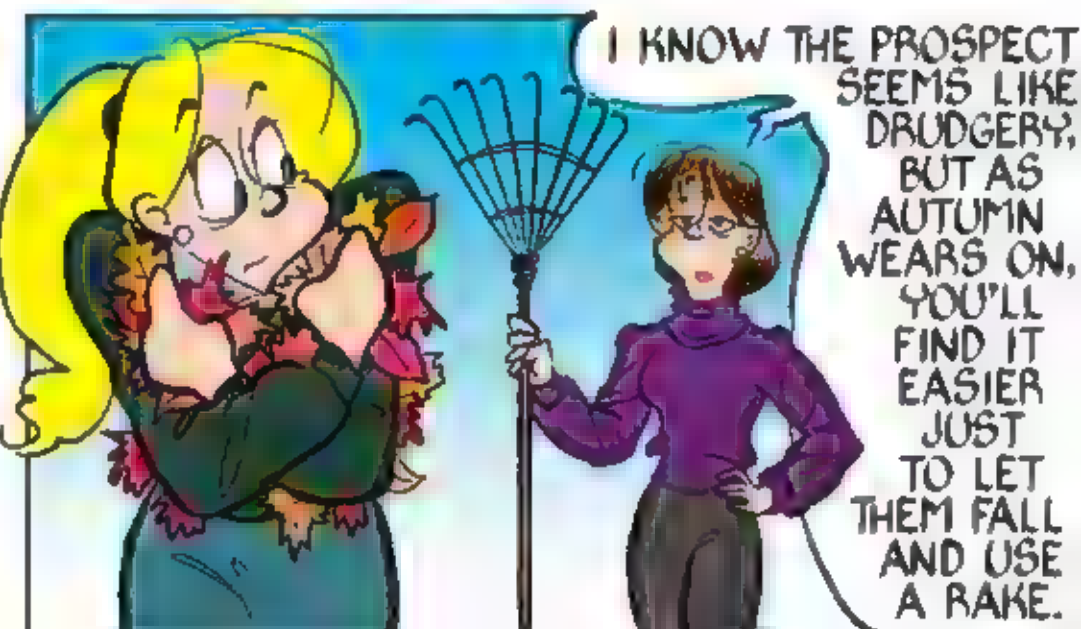
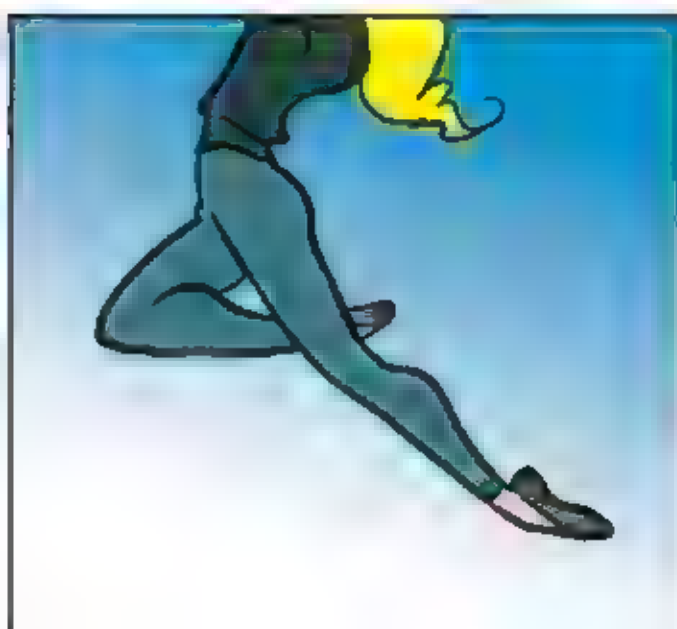
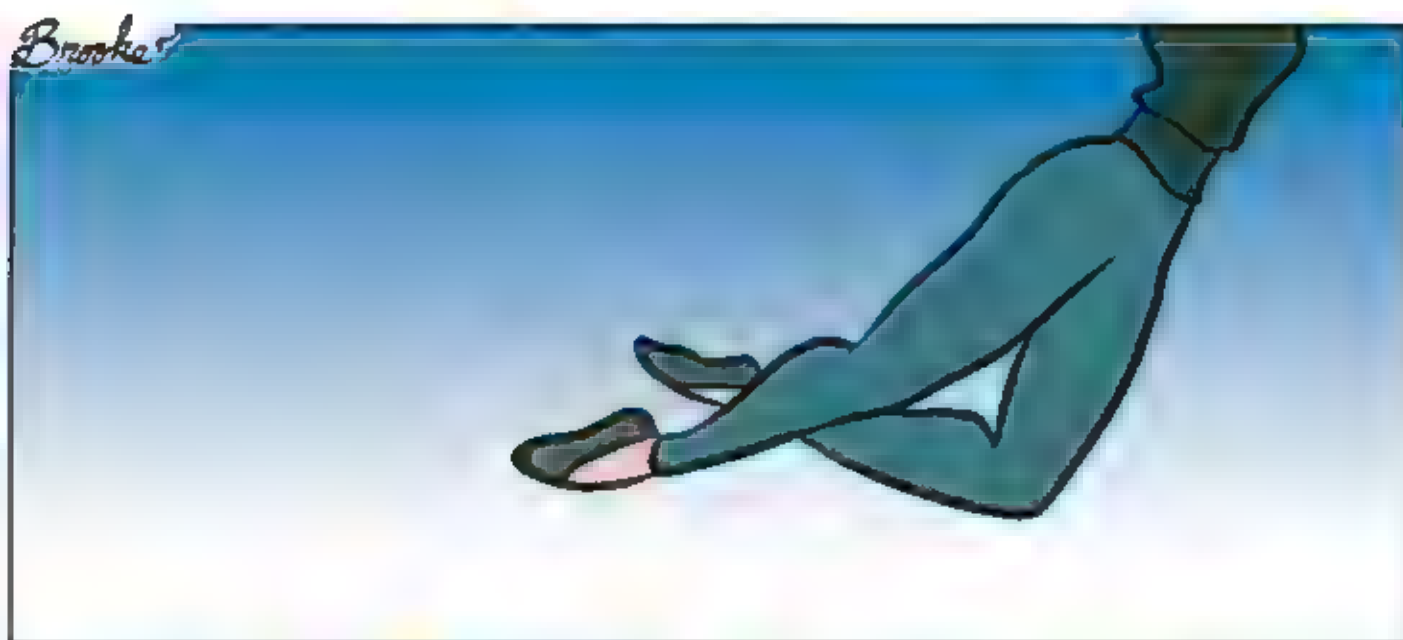




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Plus ça change,
plus c'est la
même chose,
No. 1

THE STRUGGLE
FOR ARTISTIC
FREEDOM...



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...AGAINST
AN OPPRESSIVE
REGIME



Plus ça change,
plus c'est la
même chose,
No. 2

HEROIC
EXPLOITS...

Brooke

...MEET PUBLIC
INDIFFERENCE

HANG THOSE
UP IN YOUR
CLOSET.

Plus ça change,
plus c'est la
même chose.
No. 3



I
LOVE
YOU.

BURNING
PASSION...

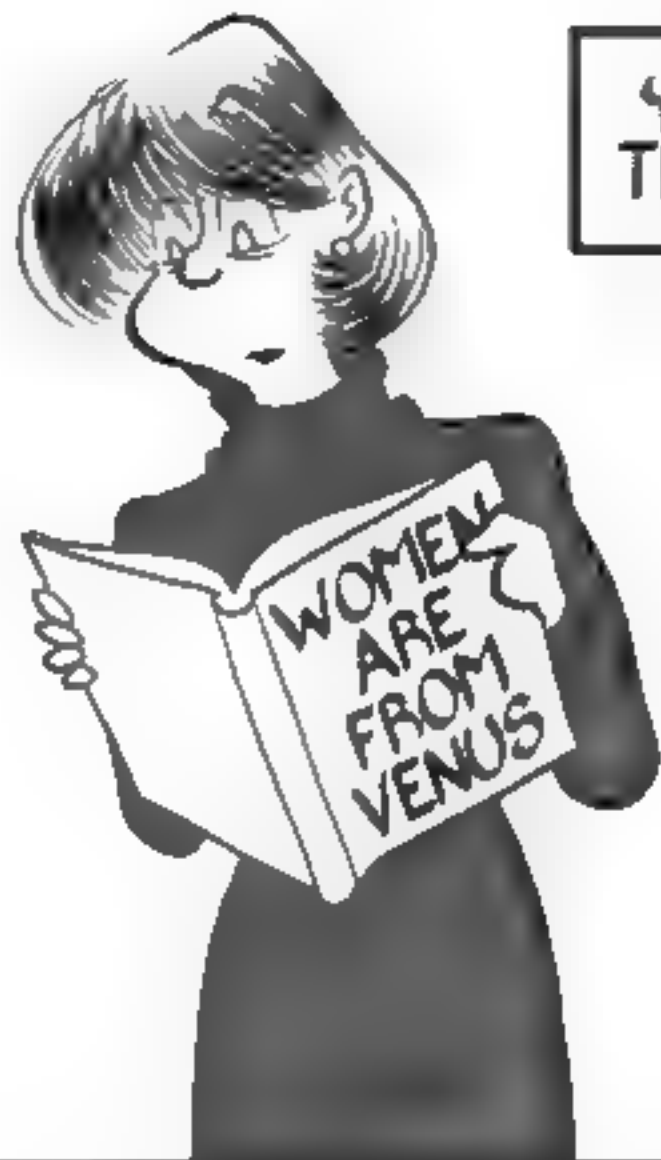
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...PUT INTO
PERSPECTIVE.



I
DON'T.

Plus ça change,
plus c'est la
même chose,
No. 4



YOUR
TRUTH...

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...IS NOT
EVERYBODY'S
TRUTH.

THE POINT IS, ANY
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A
MAN AND A WOMAN MUST
BE BUILT ON INTELLECTUAL
IDEALS AND PRINCIPLES OF
REASON AND CONCORD,
NOT PHYSICAL DESIRE.



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YOU ARE THE MOST ELEGANT,
BEAUTIFUL AND AT THE SAME
TIME RADIANTLY SEXY
WOMAN I HAVE EVER KNOWN
IN ALL...



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DR. BURBER, A MATTER HAS
COME TO LIGHT THAT IS OF
VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE
COLLEGE AS WELL AS TO
YOUR DEPARTMENT IN
PARTICULAR...IT IS
CRITICALLY
IMPORTANT
THAT WE
CONFER AT
THE VERY
EARLIEST...



I'M SORRY,
THERE'S ANOTHER
CALLER ON THE LINE...
JUST LET ME DEAL
WITH THAT...
...HOLD ON...

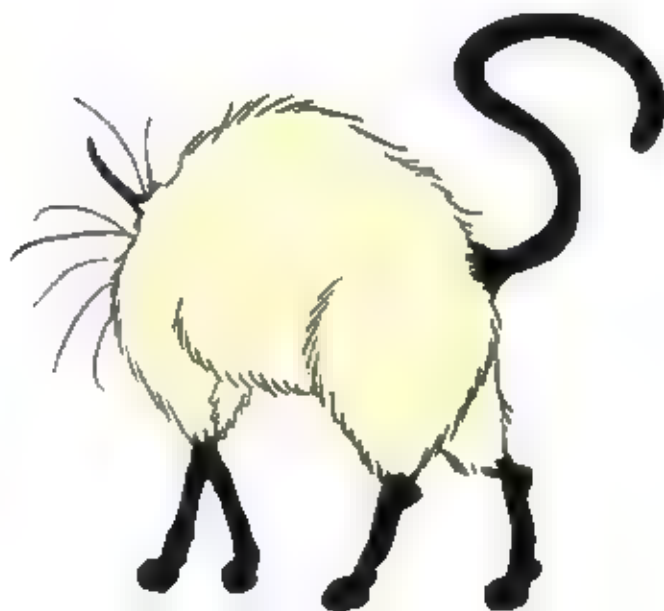
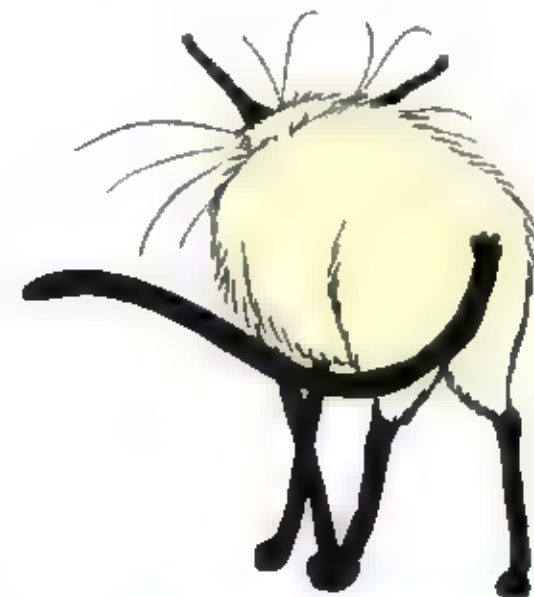


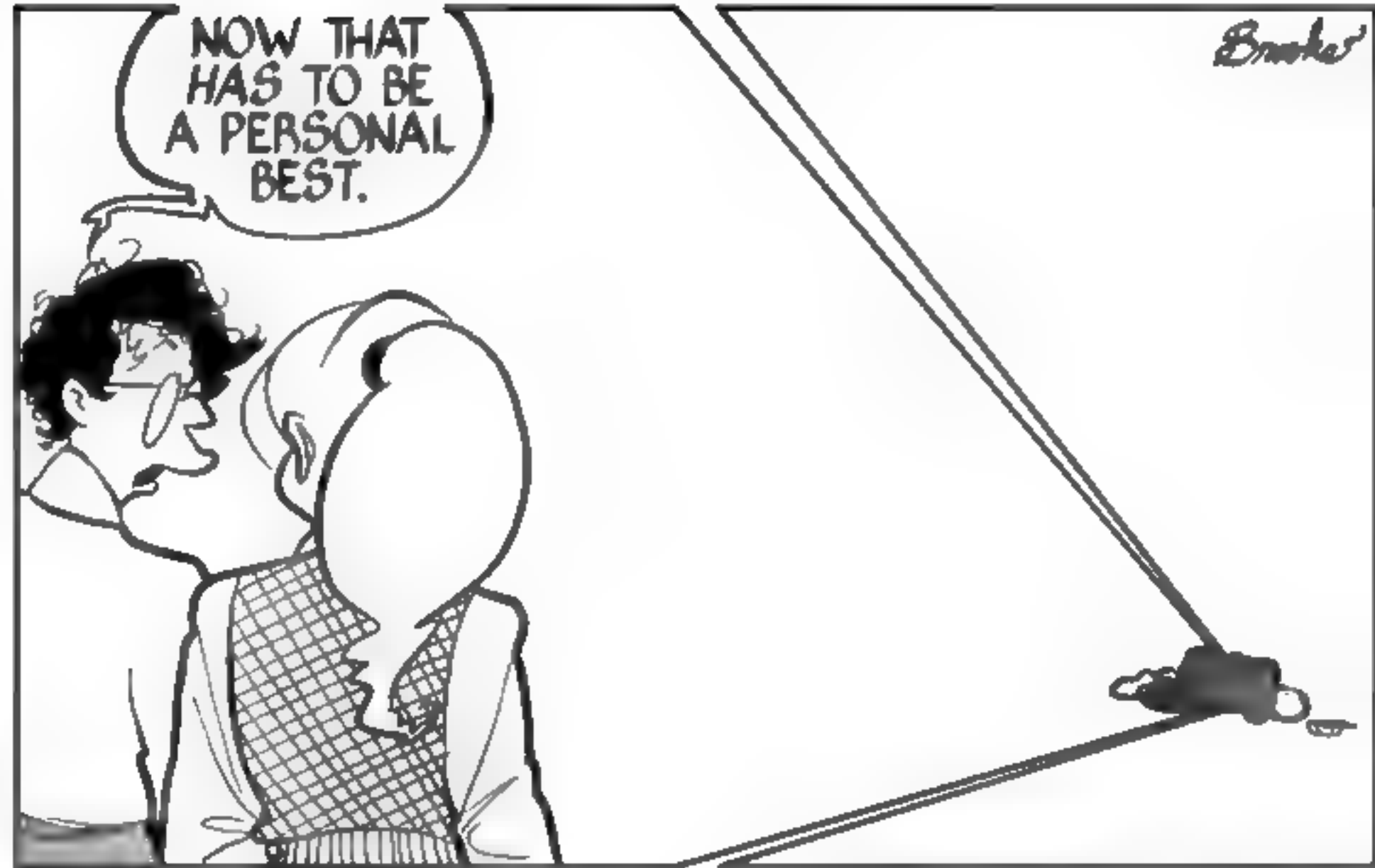
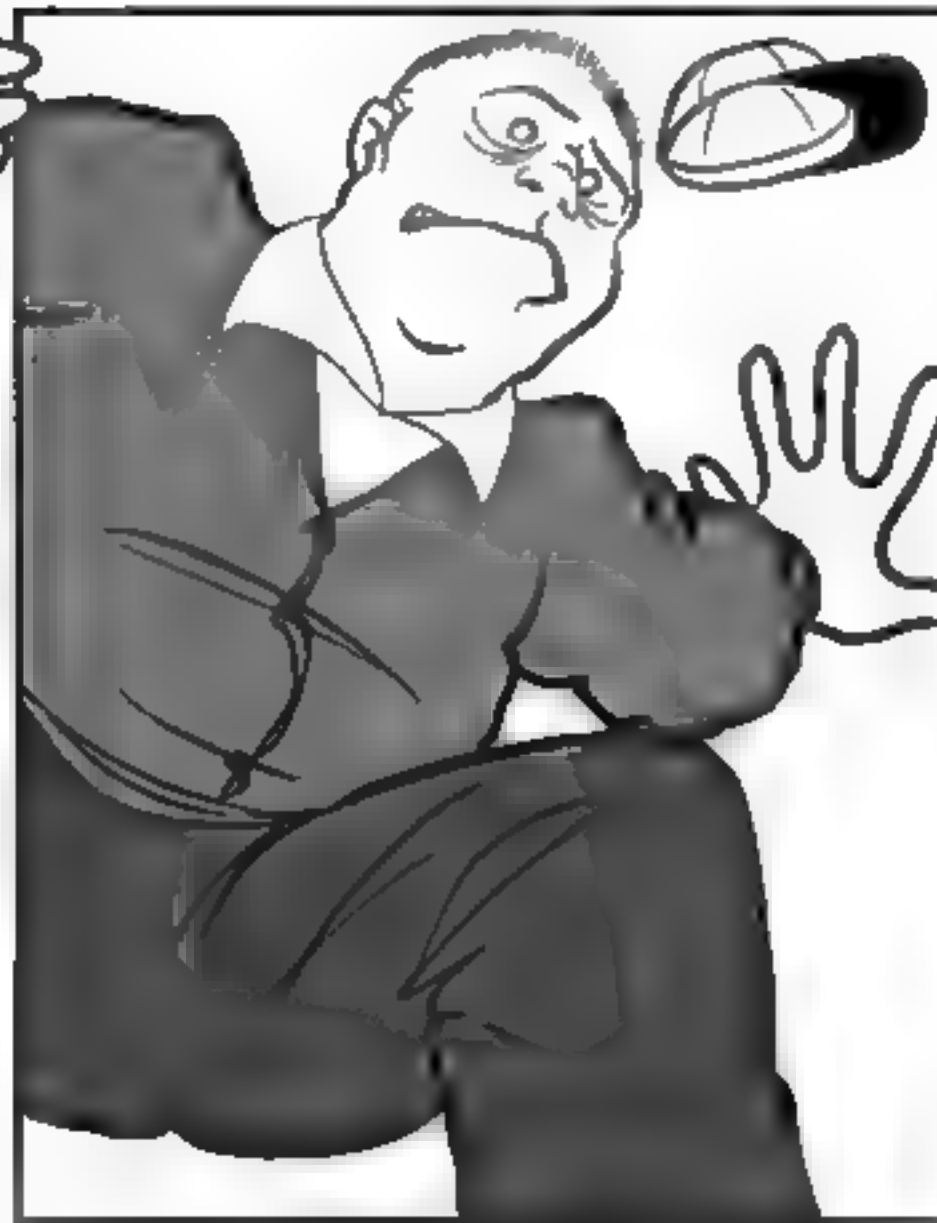
NOW, YOU WERE
SAYING...



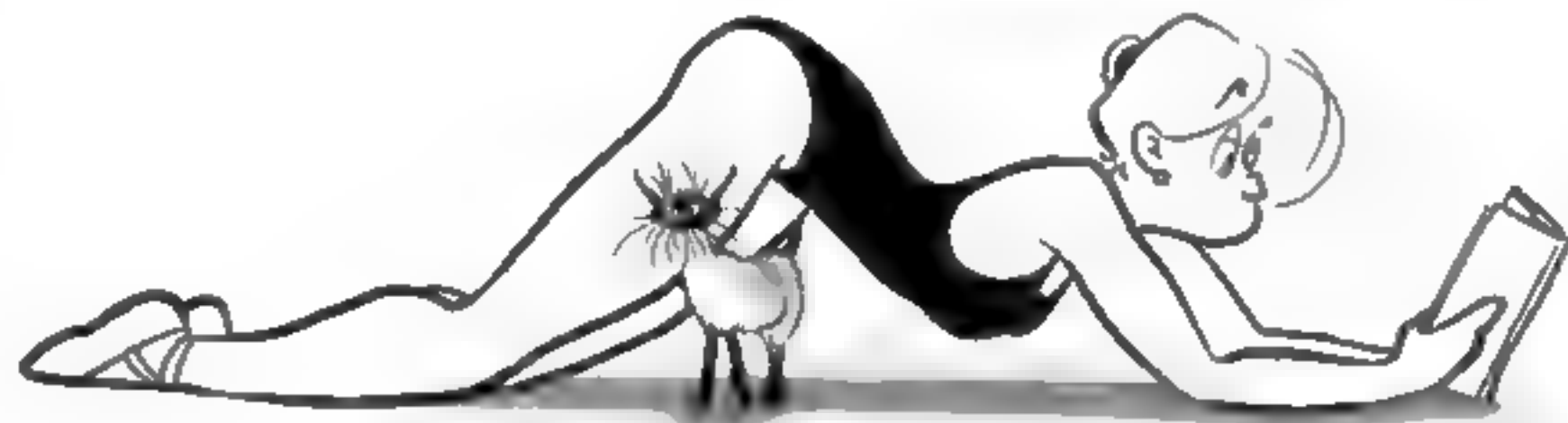
...IN
ALL
MY
DAYS,
THE MOST
FANTAS-
TICALLY...



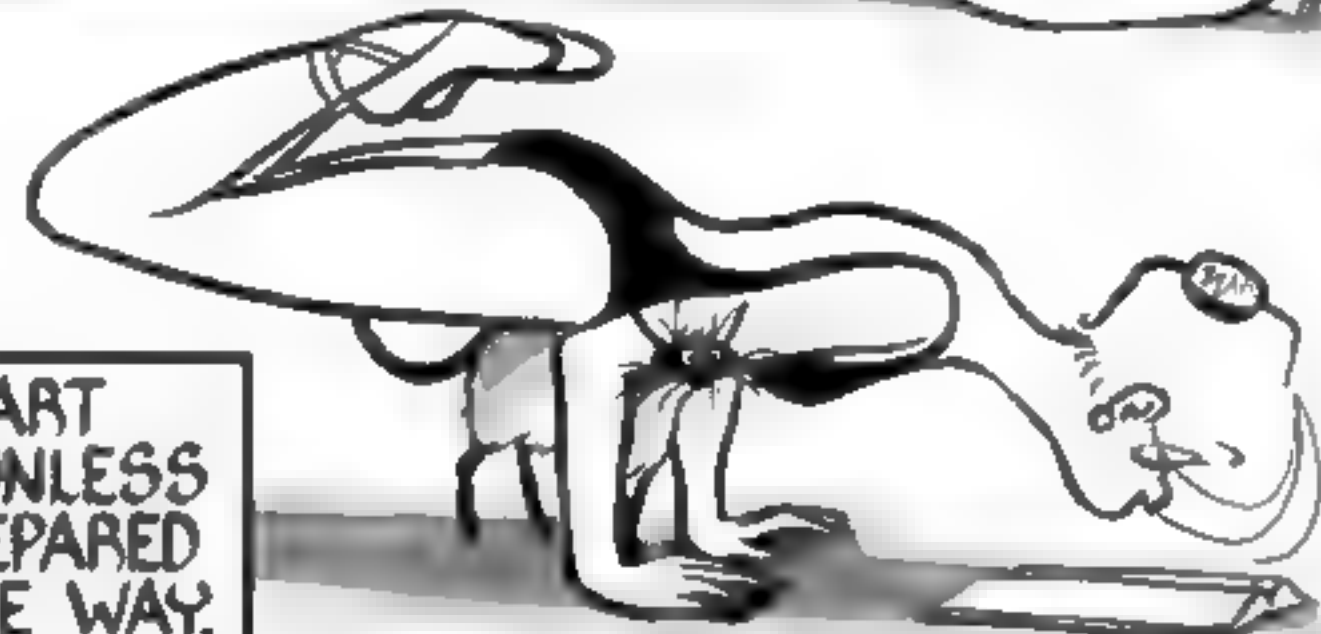




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NEVER START
SOMETHING UNLESS
YOU ARE PREPARED
TO GO ALL THE WAY.

THEY'RE KIDDING. THERE'S
NOTHING AROUND HERE BUT
10 ACRES OF
FLOOD-
PLAIN.

FALLING
ROCKS

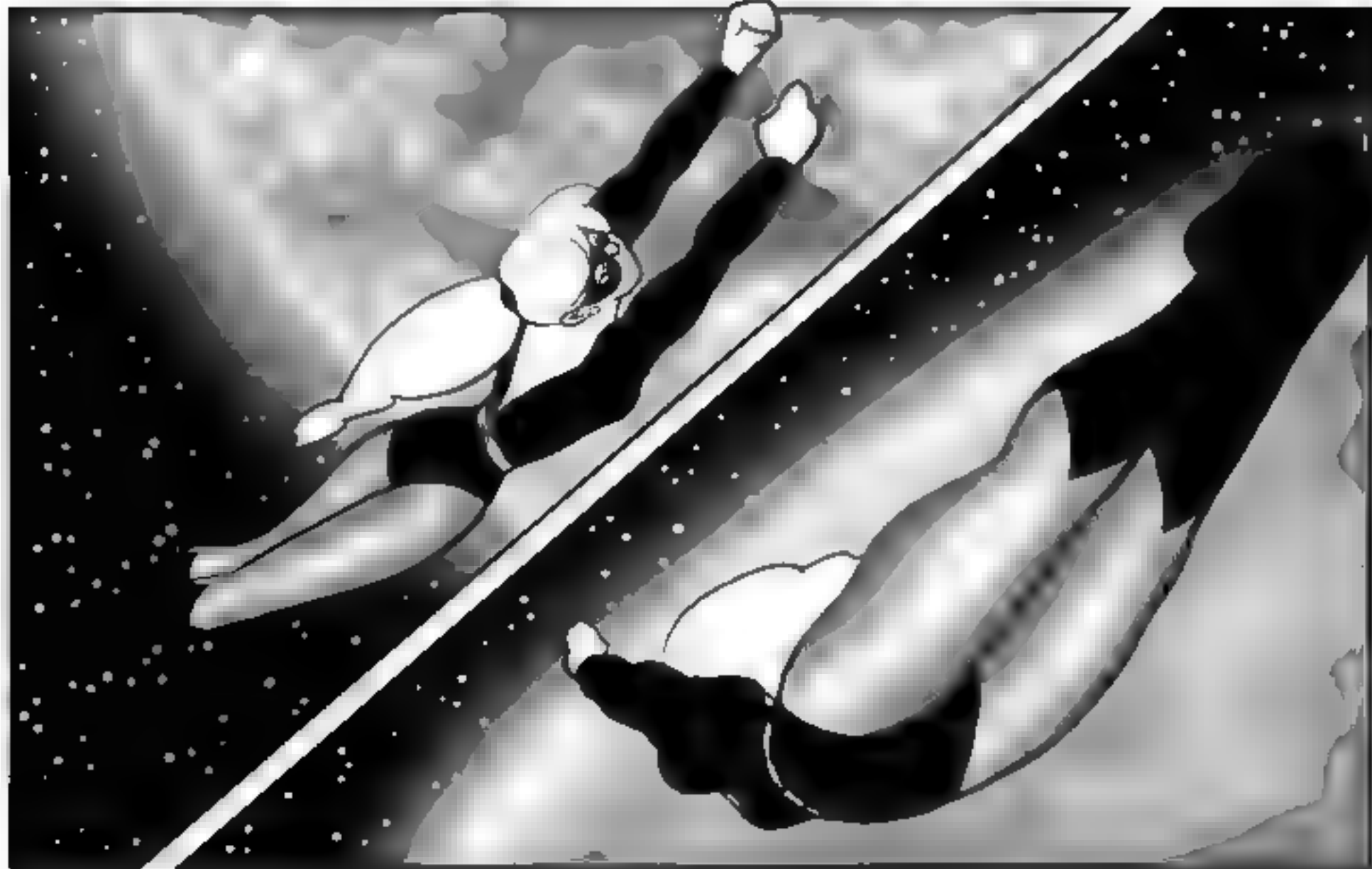


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NOBODY SAID
THE JOB WAS
GOING TO BE
EASY.

FALLING
ROCKS



YOU KNOW, FOR YEARS
I'VE KISSED YOU AT NEW
YEAR'S, ON CHRISTMAS
OR JUST TO SAY GOOD
NIGHT, BUT YOU'VE NEVER
BEEN THE
ONE TO
INITIATE
A PECK
ON THE
CHEEK.



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FOR ONCE, WOULDN'T
YOU LIKE TO GIVE
THE KISS
RATHER
THAN
GET
IT?

OH...WELL...
...UM...GEE, I
GUESS I'D...UM...



...WHEN YOU PUT IT
THAT WAY...ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED...CAST IN
THAT LIGHT...

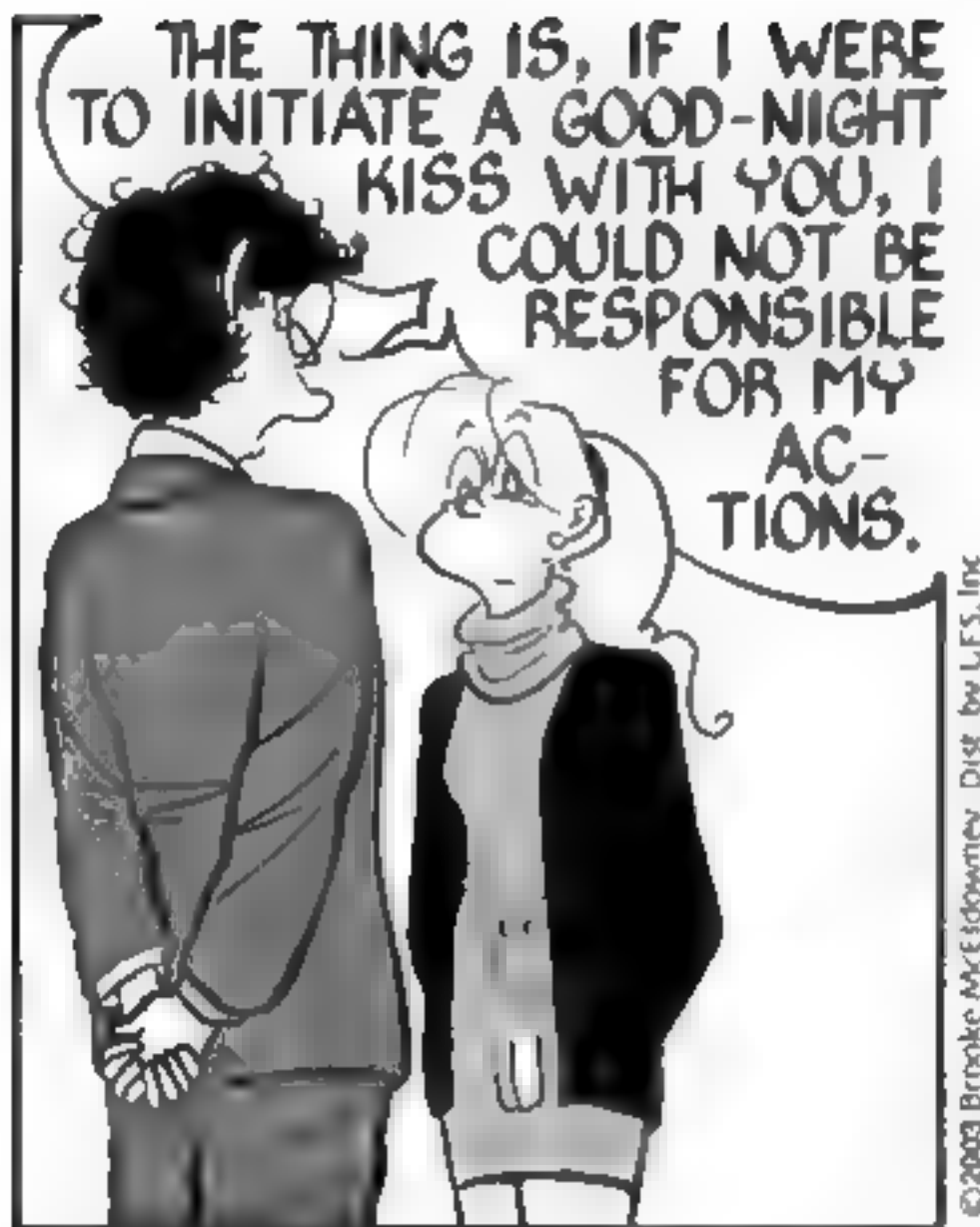


...ER,
AH...

...TAKING ONE THING
WITH ANOTHER...
LOOKING AT THE
LONG AND
SHORT
OF IT...
GIVING
DUE
CON-
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ATION...
WEIGH-
ING ALL
THE
PROS
AND...

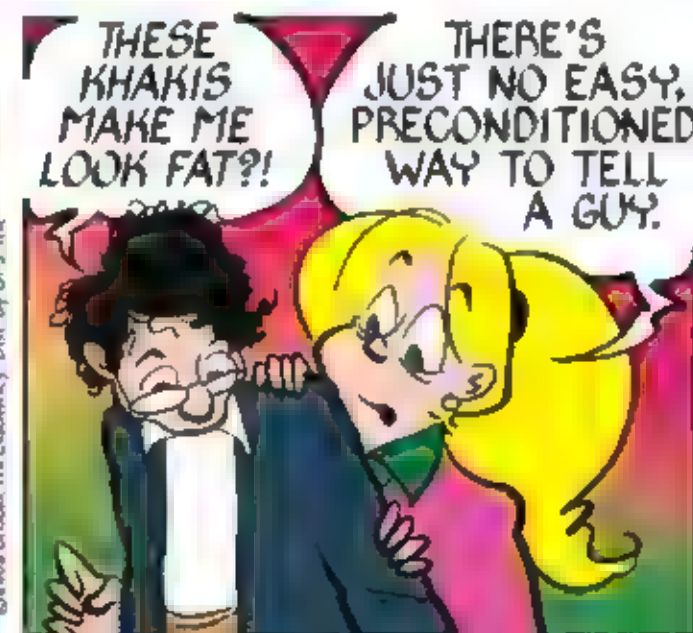
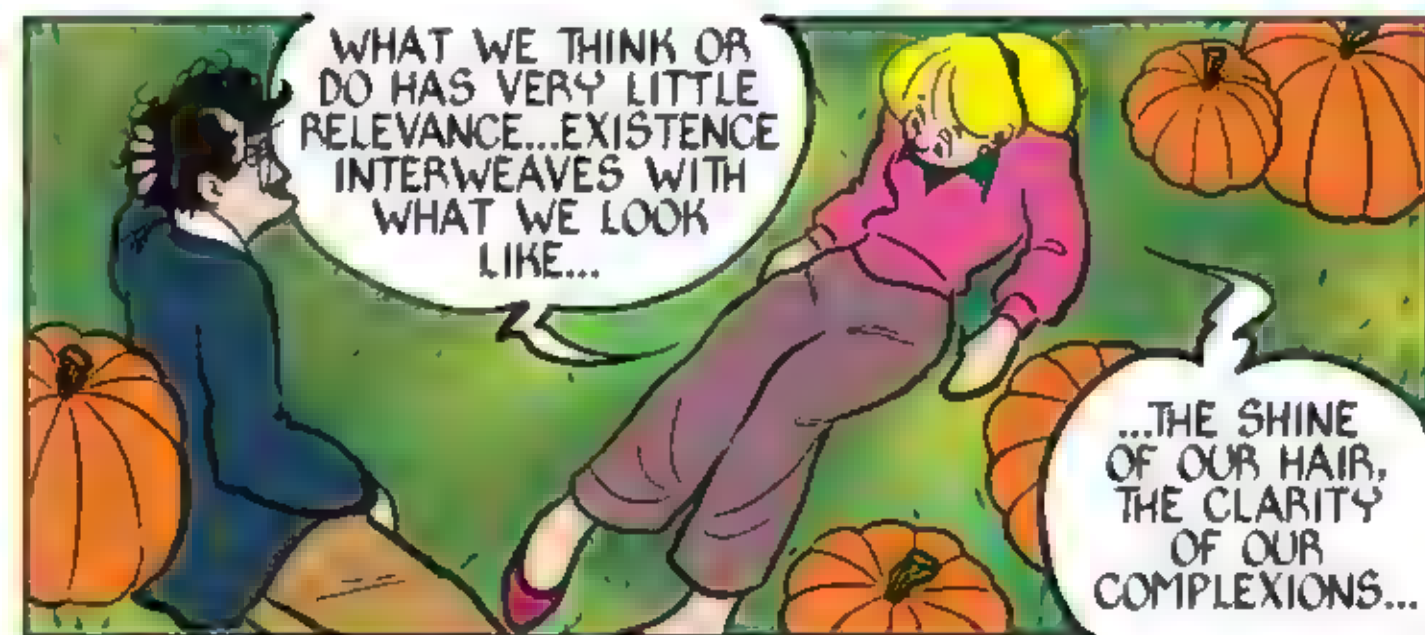
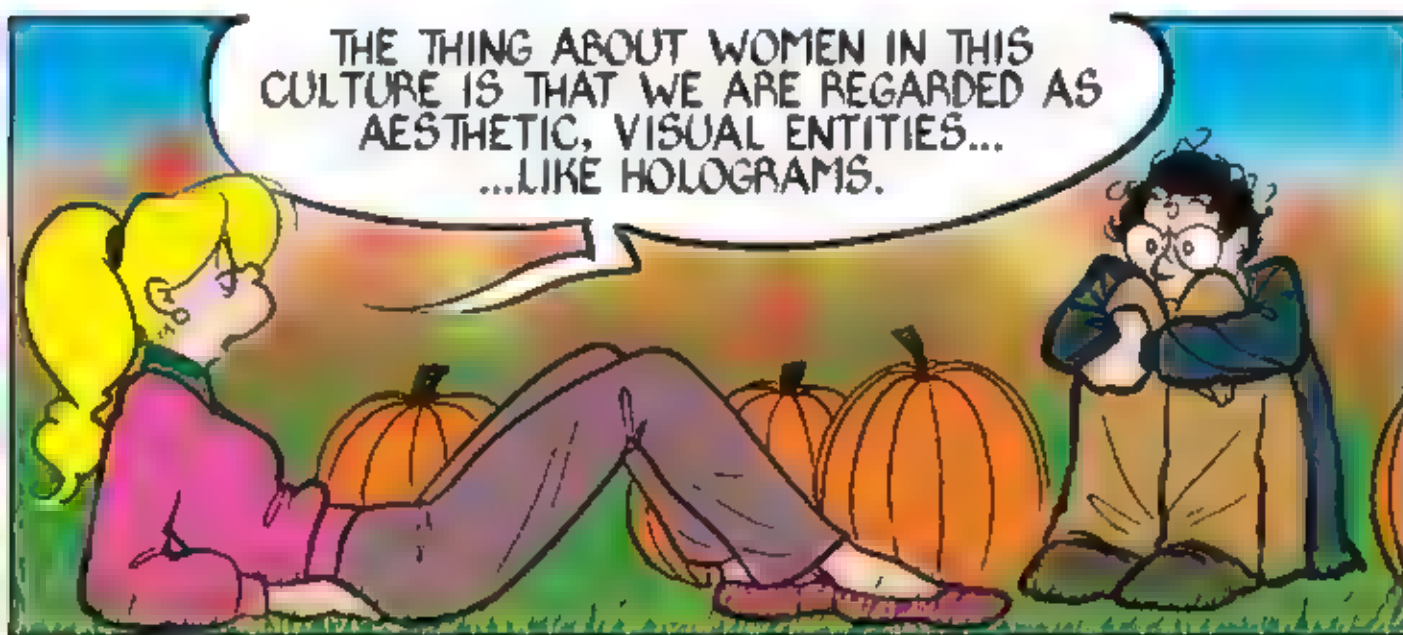
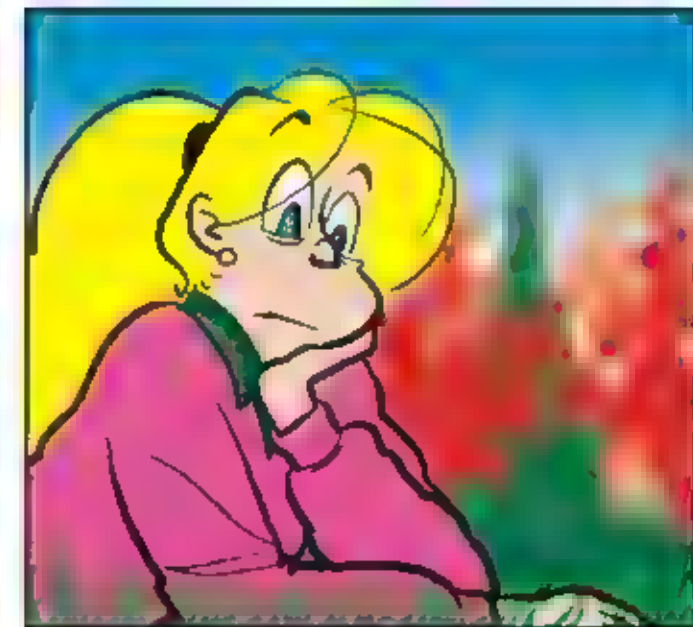
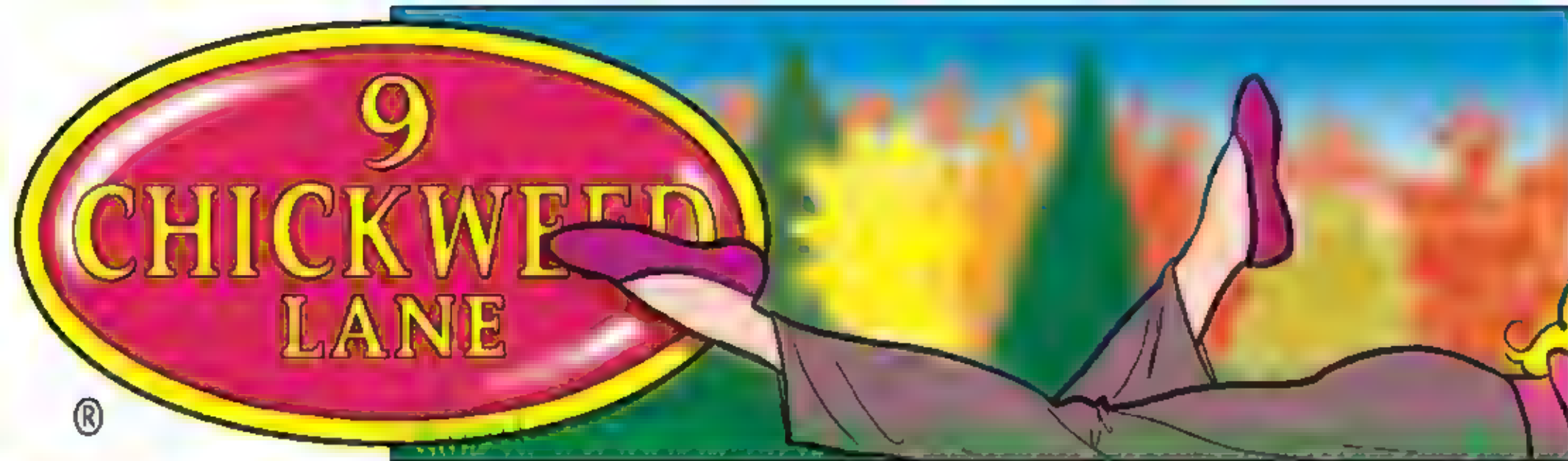
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AMOS' ADVICE TO THE
ENCEPHALON-CHALLENGED
TROGLOJOCK: NEVER
INDULGE IN LIPOSUCTION,
LEST
YOUR
HEAD
IMplode.



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I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GO NOW. I'M SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY SUPERIORS AT THE OMICRON FEDERATION OF PLANETS, AND THEIR ATTACHE CAN GET RATHER SNIPPY IF I'M LATE.



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THIS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE AREAS WHERE I WELCOME DISCUSSION.

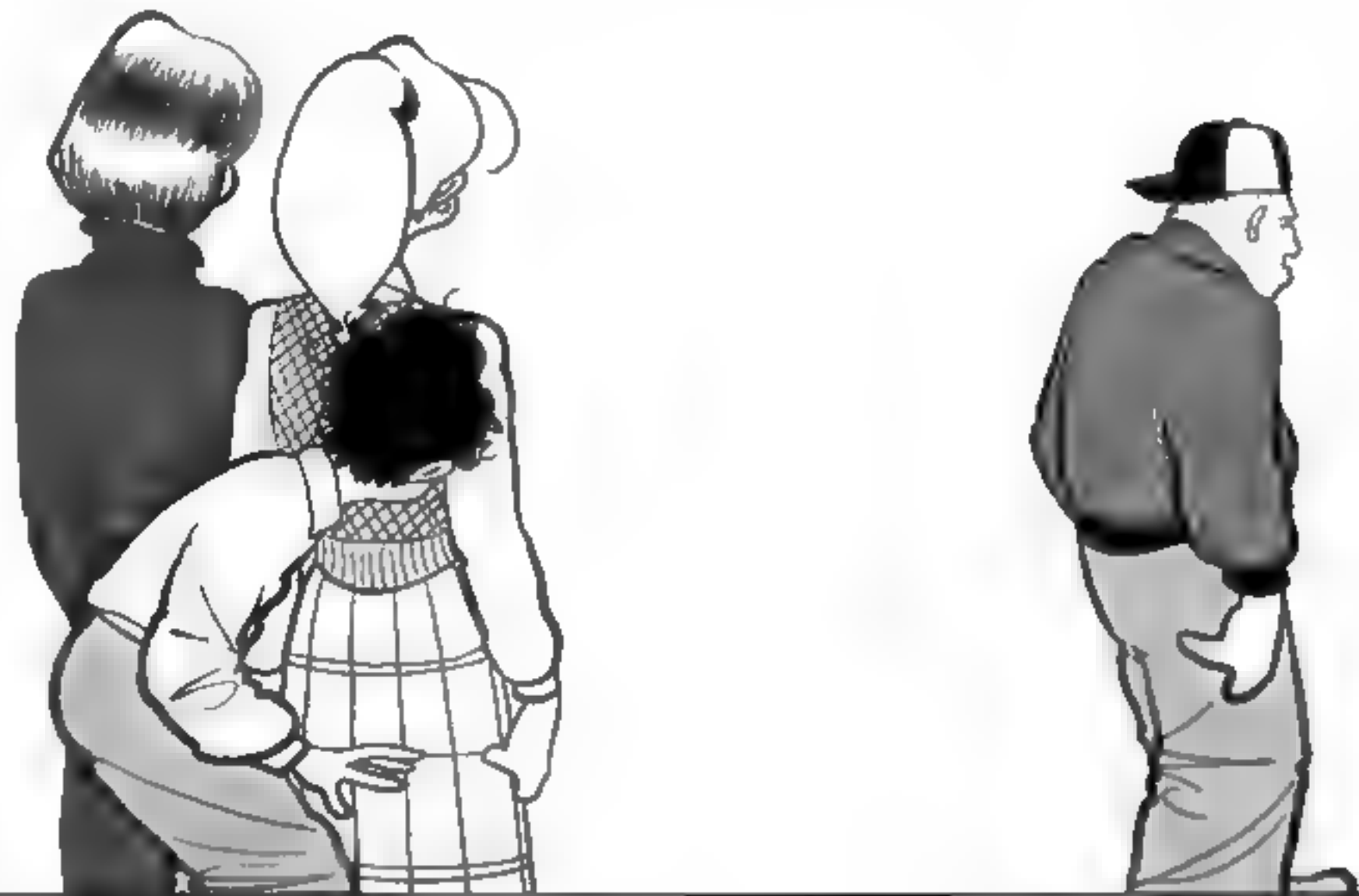
WHERE DID THORAX GET OFF TO?



Brooke

I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN NEGOTIATE TUNA DÉTENTE...
...BUT UNIVERSAL SLAVERY IS CERTAINLY AN OPTION.





WHAT WORRIES ME IS THAT
HALF-WIT TROGLOJOCKS
POUND AMOS JUST
BECAUSE HE'S
CONSIDERED
ECCEN-
TRIC.



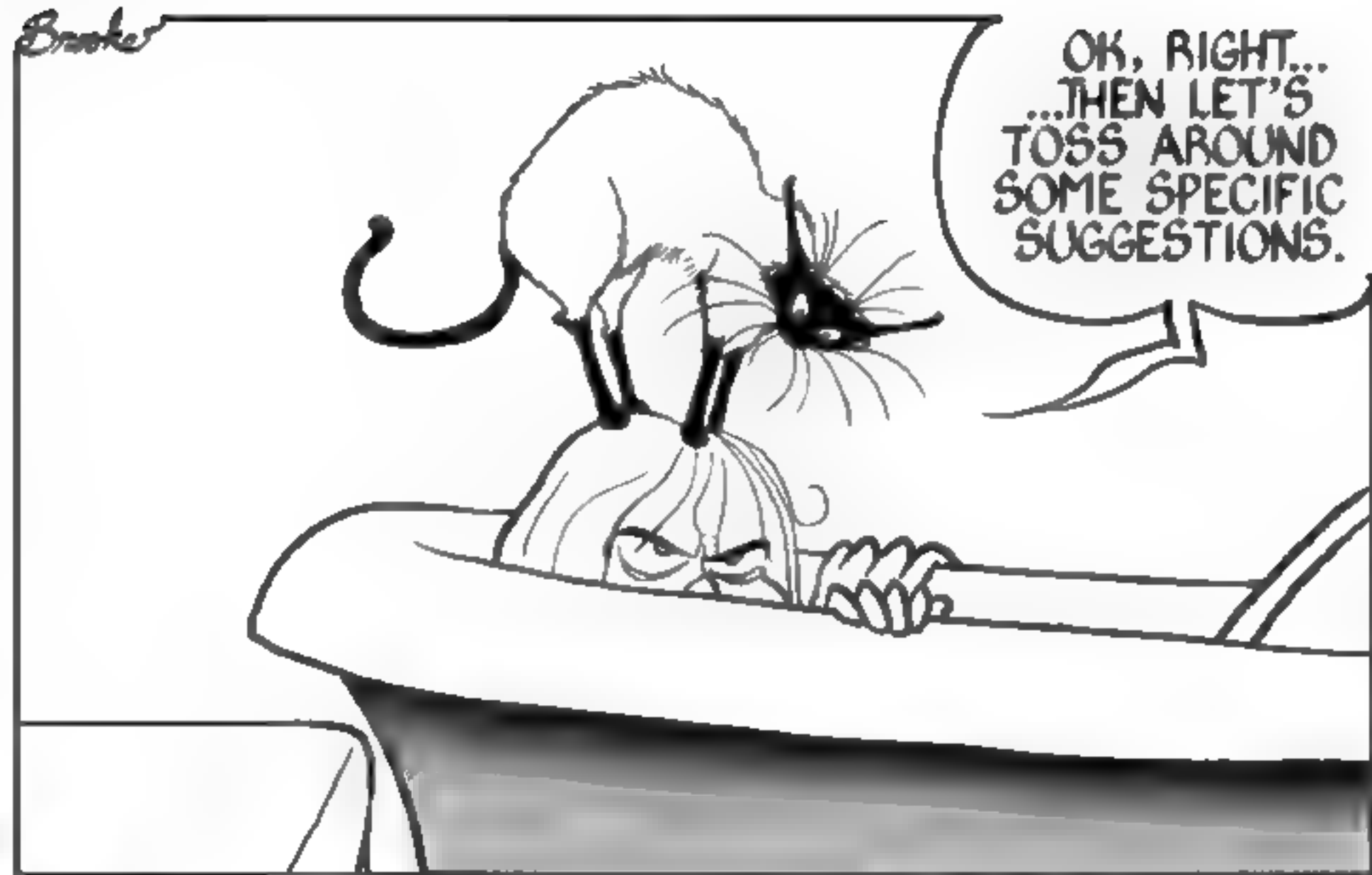
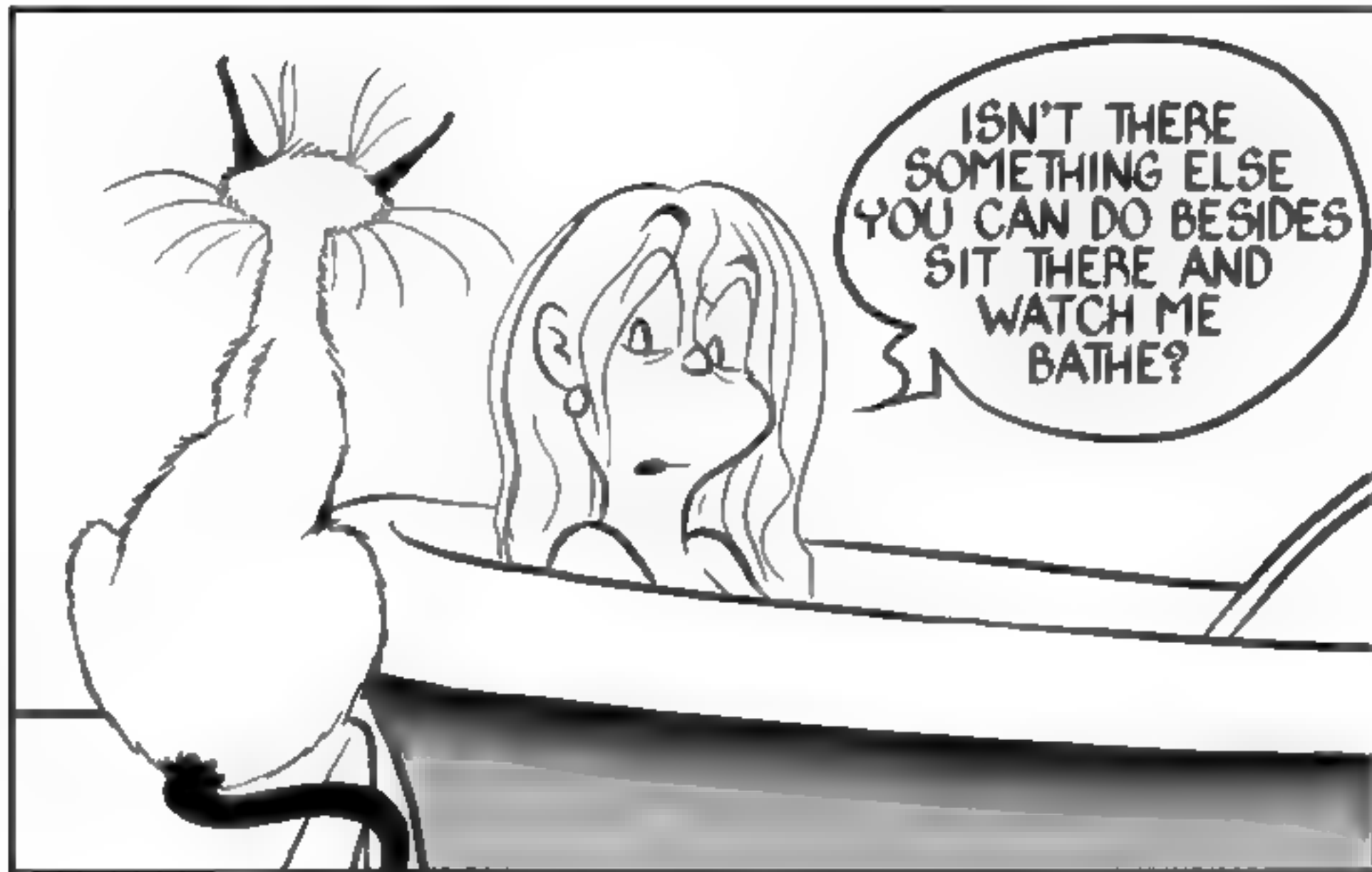
WHAT WORRIES ME IS THAT
HALF-WIT TROGLOJOCKS
ARE CON-
SIDERED
CENTRIC.



THOSE PATTERNS IN GRAIN FIELDS...
THEY'RE CLEARLY HOAXES, YET
PEOPLE SERIOUSLY BELIEVE
THEY'RE MESSAGES, SIGNPOSTS
INSCRIBED BY ALIEN BEINGS
BENT ON WORLD
DOMINATION.

Brooke







9 CHICKWEED LANE





"LOVE OF COUNTRY" IS AN ALIEN CONCEPT TO YOU,
GALACTIC COMMAND...HERE IT MEANS THAT THE
CITIZENRY...EVERY SOLDIER AND SAILOR AND
PILOT, EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD...
ARE PREPARED TO LAY DOWN
THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR
HOMELAND...



...AND
KEEP IT SAFE
FOR THEIR
POLITICIANS.

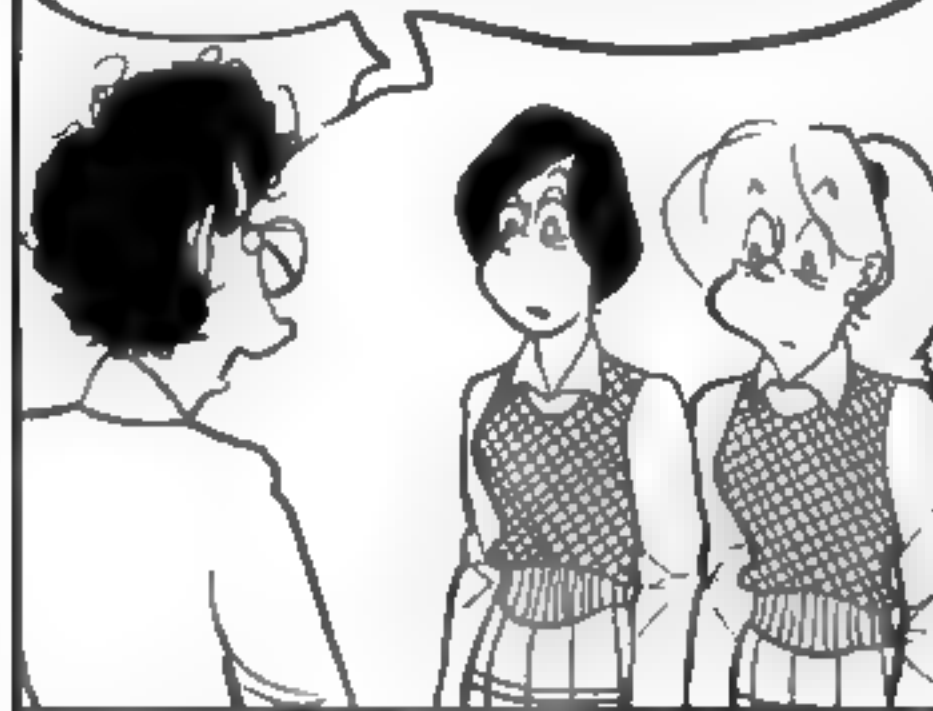


EITHER THORAX IS EXPLAINING HUMANITY TO A
TOMATO CAN WITH A BIT OF STRING ATTACHED,
OR OUR PLANET HAS JUST BEEN
SLATED FOR DEMOLITION.



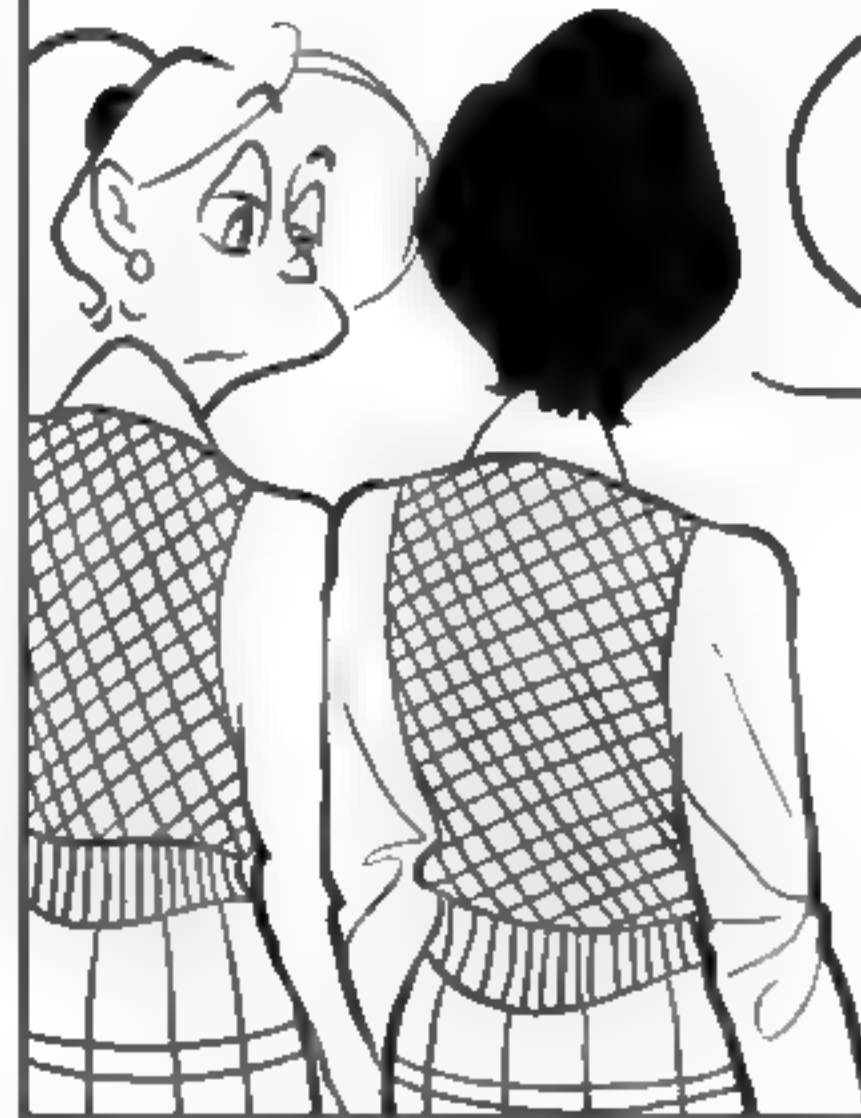
Brooke

I'VE BEEN STUDYING THE
AMOUNT OF NAVEL LINT
THAT CAN BE HARVESTED
AT ANY MOMENT AS AN
INDICATOR OF THE AMOUNT
OF ATMOSPHERIC NAVEL
LINT WE ARE BREATHING.



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I THINK YOU'LL FIND THE
FIGURES, SUPPORTED
BY MY CACHE OF
PERSONAL NAVEL
LINT, RATHER
DISTURBING.



BELLYBUTTON
LINT COMES
IN A CACHE?

Brooke

MR. VAN HOESEN, I WANT YOU TO STOP THESE STORIES ABOUT ATMOSPHERIC NAVE LINT GLUTTING THE ECO-SYSTEM...YOU'VE GOT THE STUDENTS EXAMINING THEIR BELLY-BUTTONS ALL DAY LONG.



YOU WOULDN'T CALL IT SILLY IF YOU KNEW HOW MUCH LINT A NAVE L HARBORS DURING OUR LIVES. OVER JUST A MATTER OF YEARS, THE CONTENTS OF AN UNMAINTAINED INNIE CAN BE MEASURED IN METRIC TONS.



Brooke

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "UNMAINTAINED"?

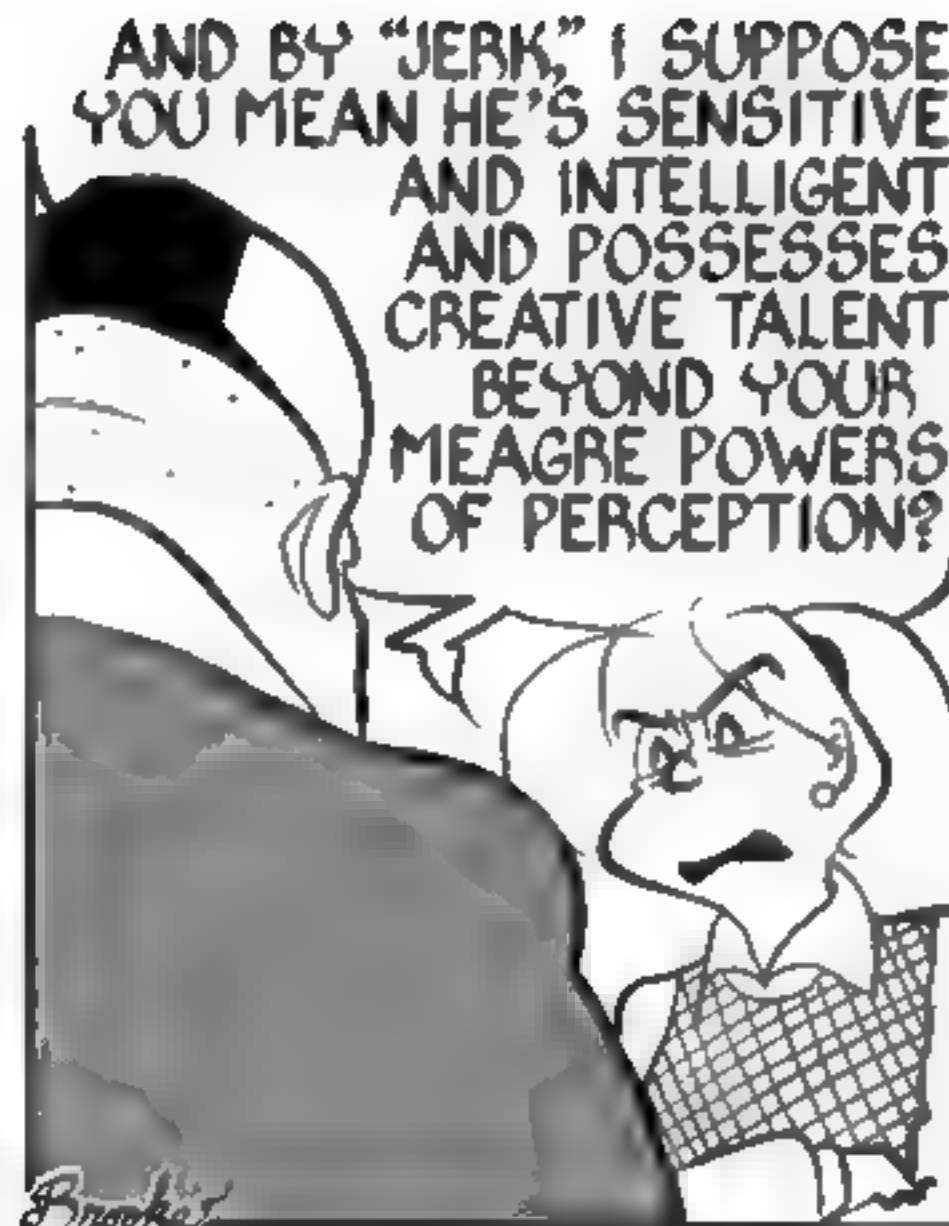
YOU MEAN... YOU'VE... NEVER...?!



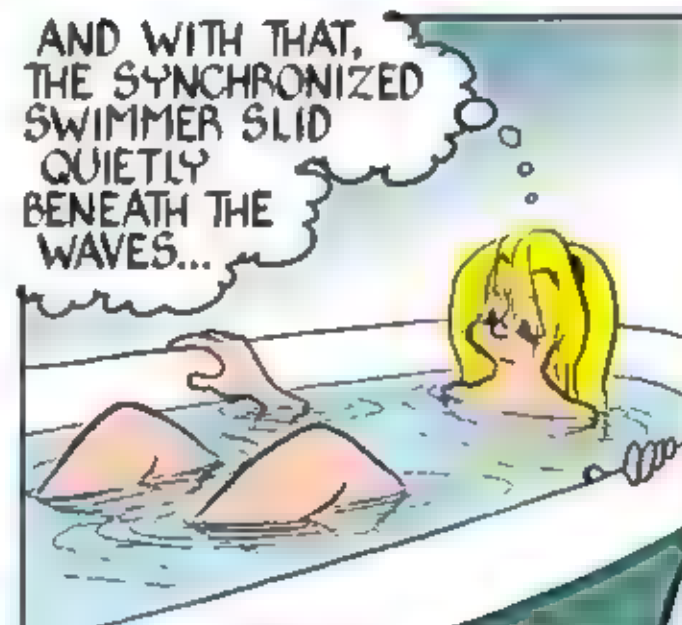
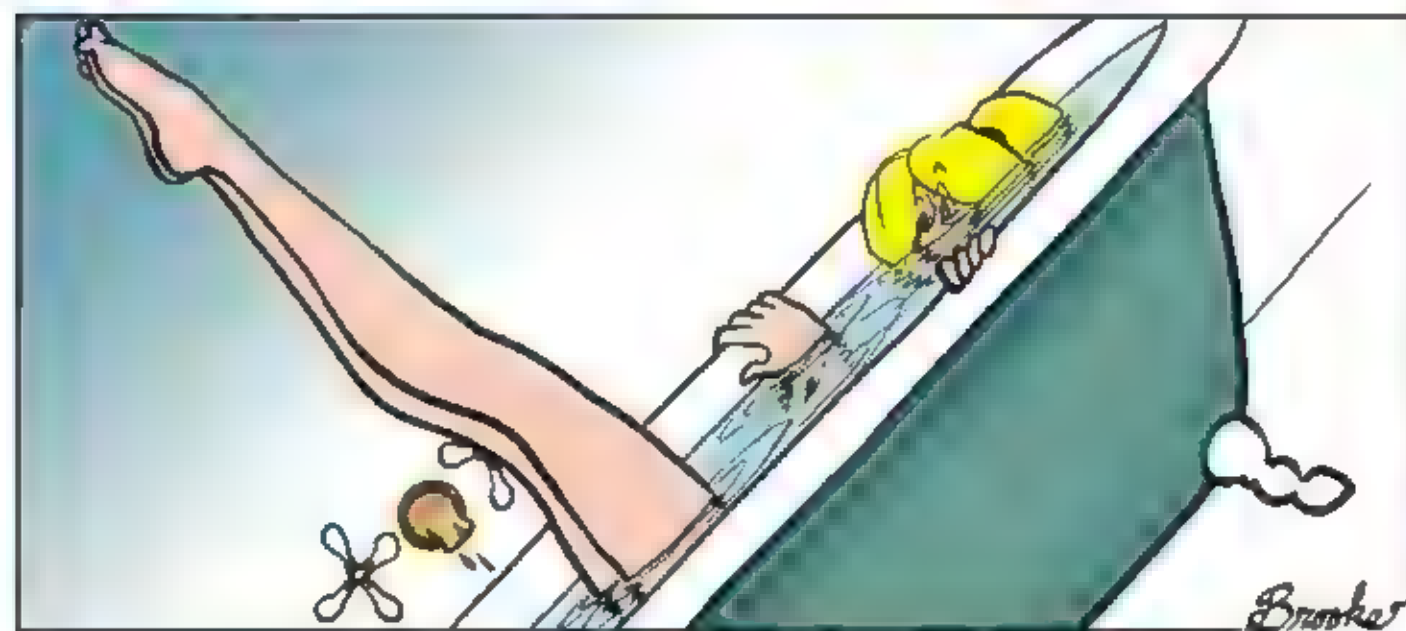
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SISTER, COULD YOU SHED ANY LIGHT ON WHY AMOS JUST RACED PAST ME YELLING, "TICKING BOMB!... TICKING BOMB!"?

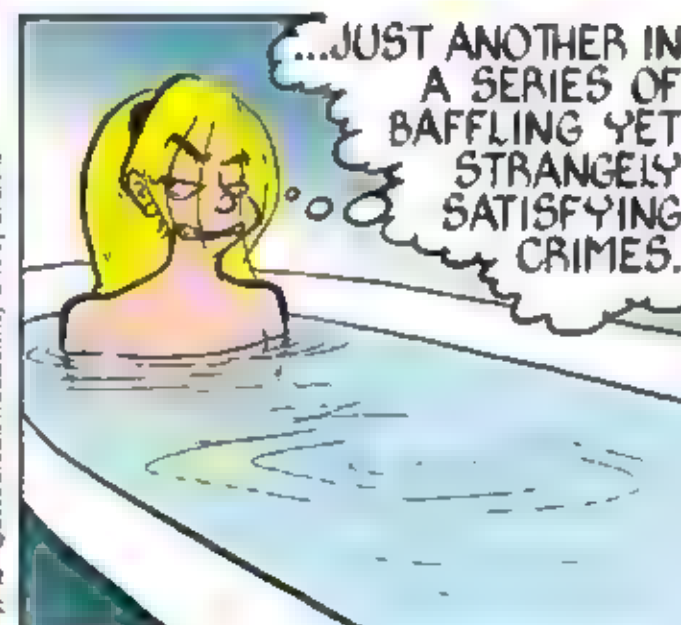








AND WITH THAT,
THE SYNCHRONIZED
SWIMMER SLID
QUIETLY
BENEATH THE
WAVES...



...JUST ANOTHER IN
A SERIES OF
BAFFLING YET
STRANGELY
SATISFYING
CRIMES.





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IT IS I,
CAPTAIN
ANNOYING!
WHO
PASSES?!

LOGICAL
INCONGRUITY
MAN!



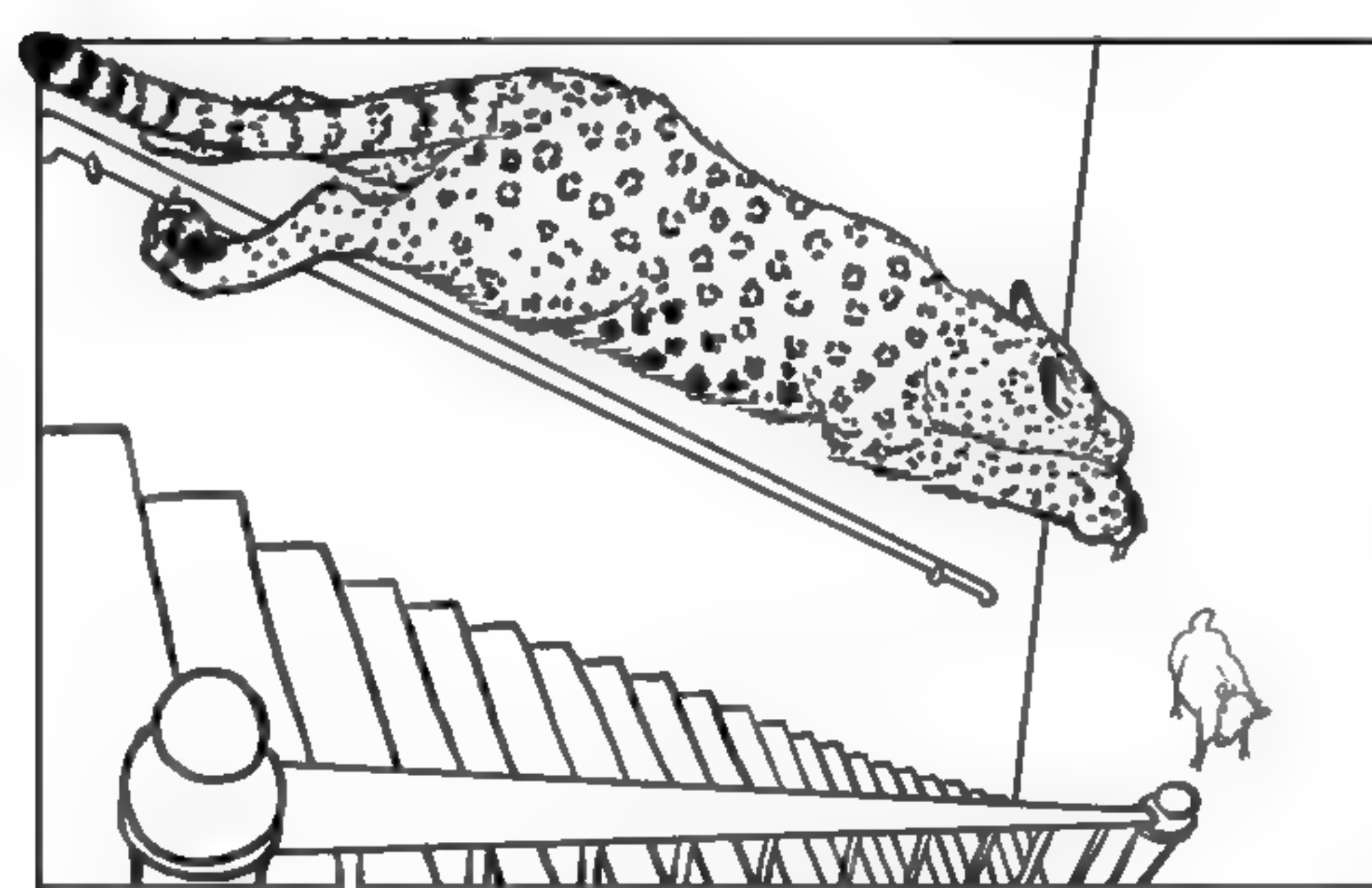
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO CAPTAIN
ANNOYING?

THE TALENTED
AMATEUR ALWAYS
LAYS DOWN HIS
INSTRUMENT IN
THE PRESENCE OF
A TRUE
VIRTUOSO.

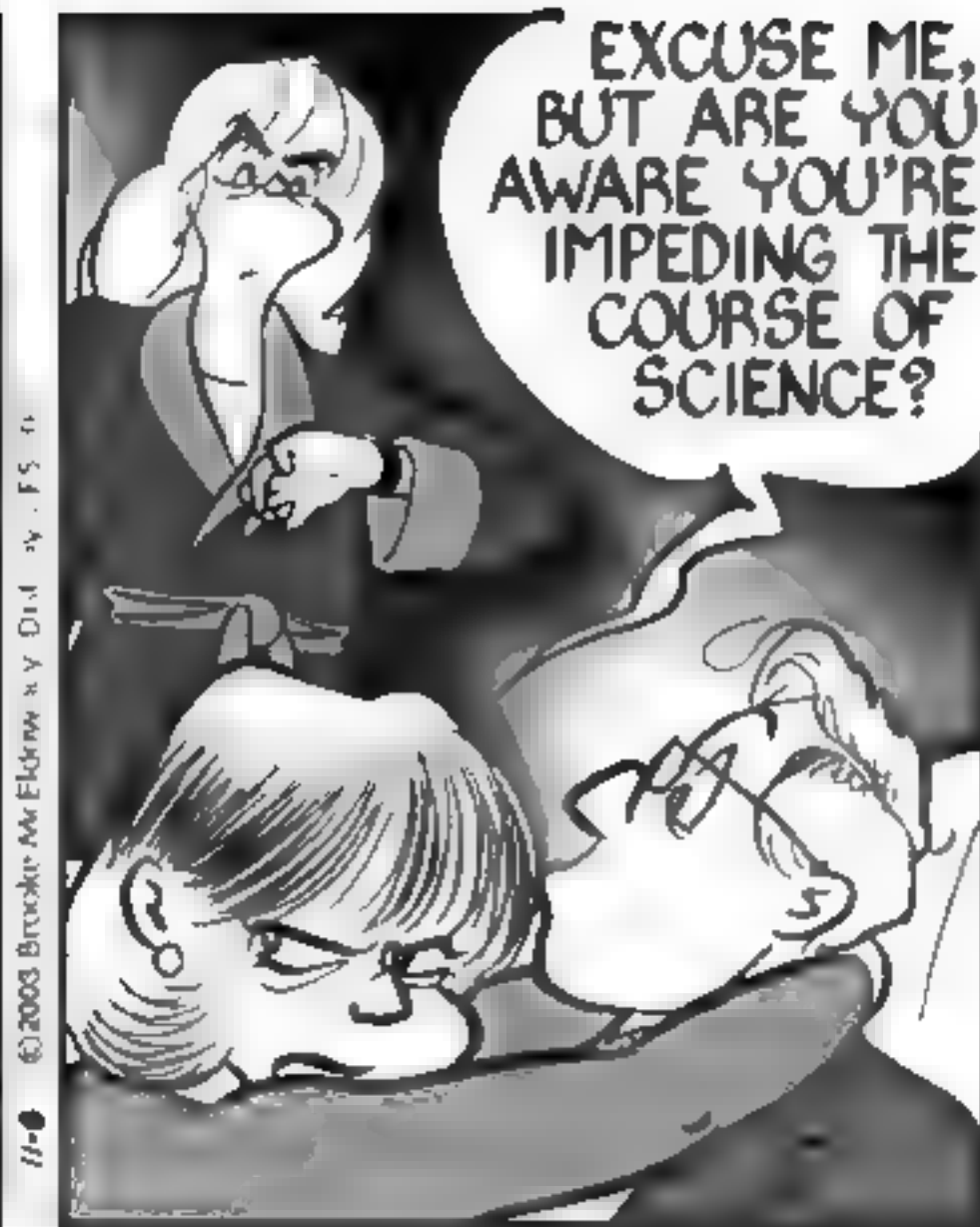
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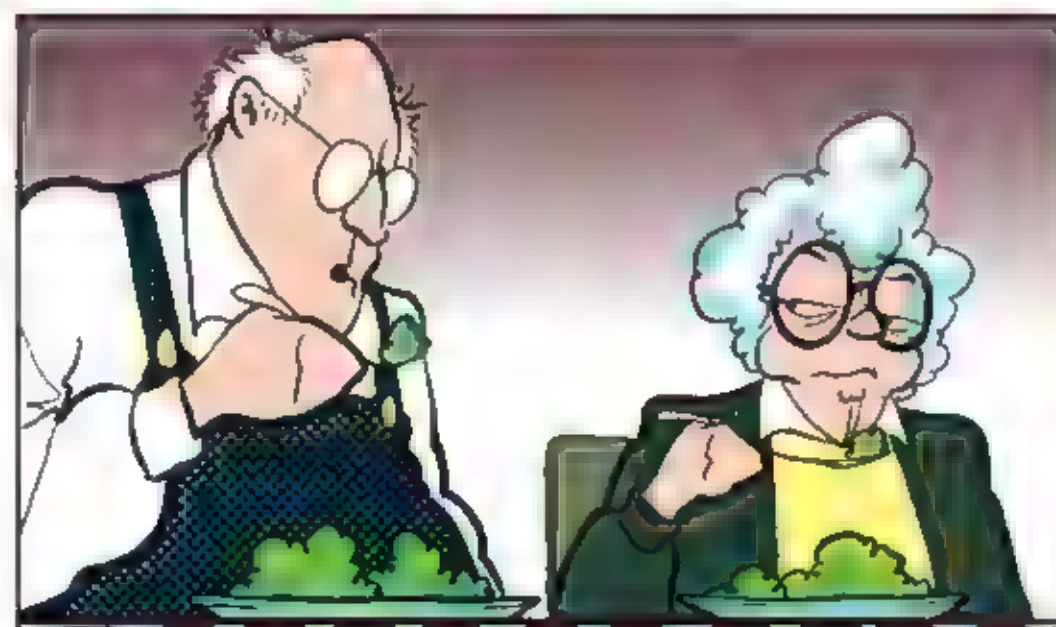
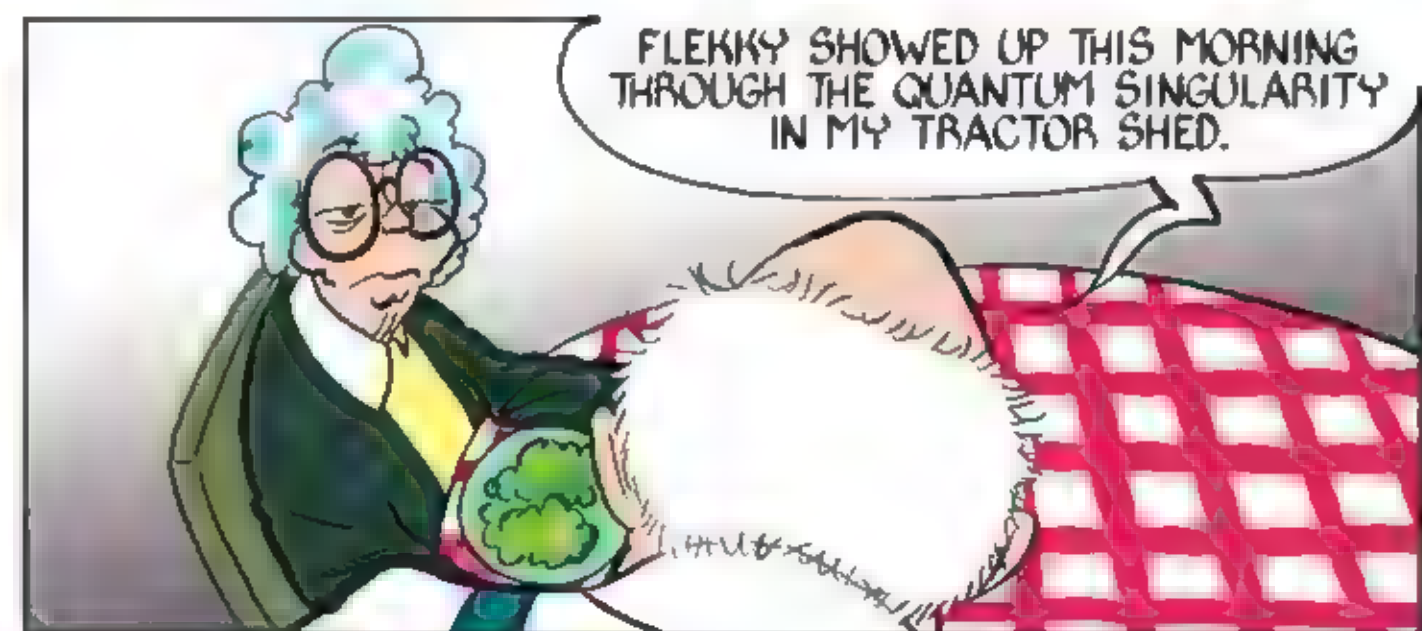
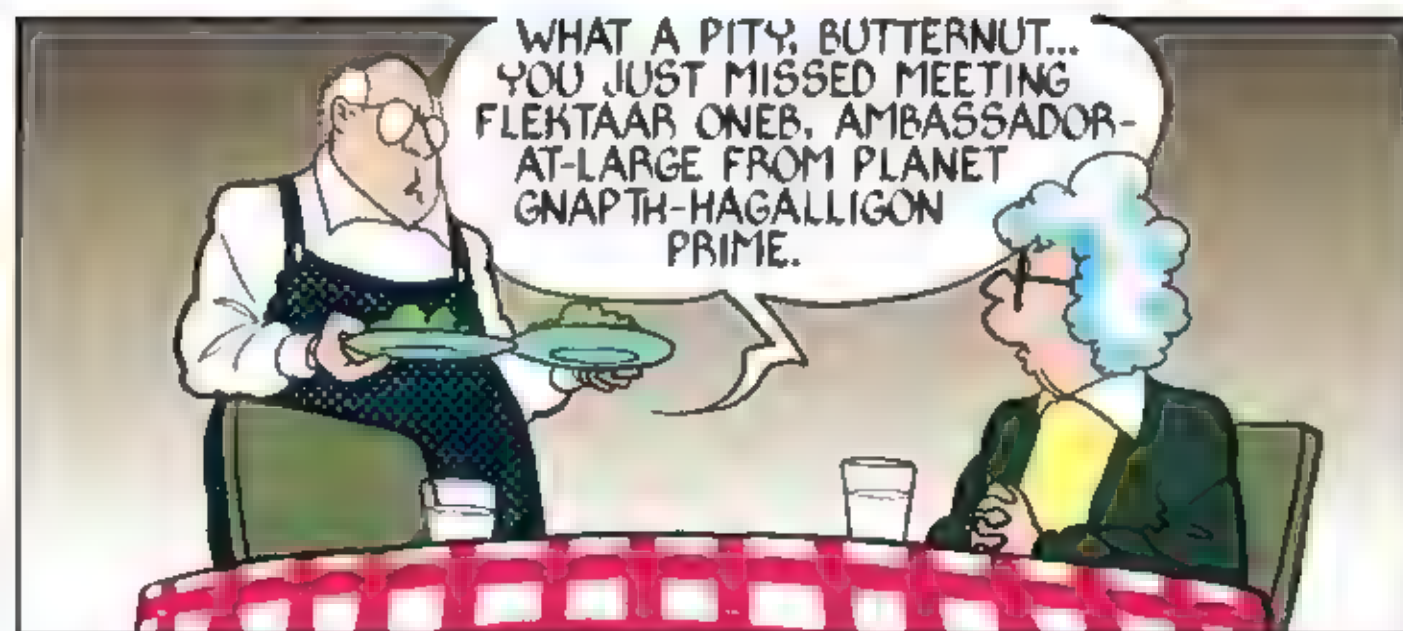
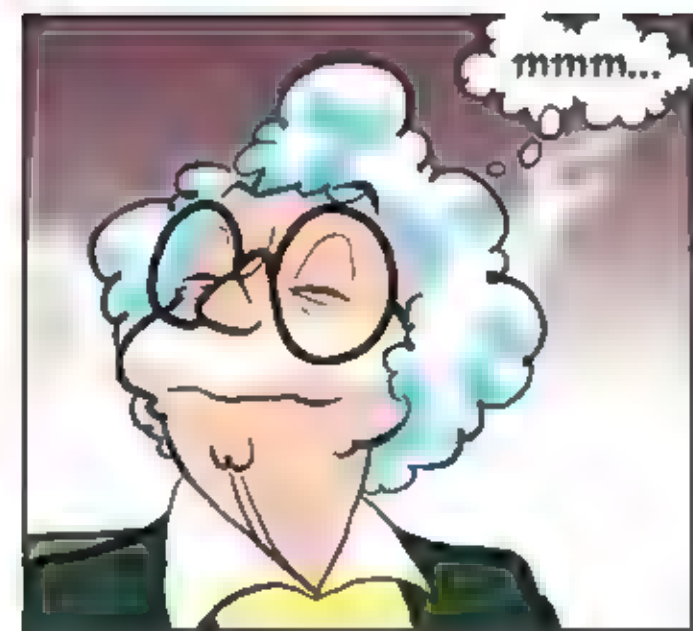


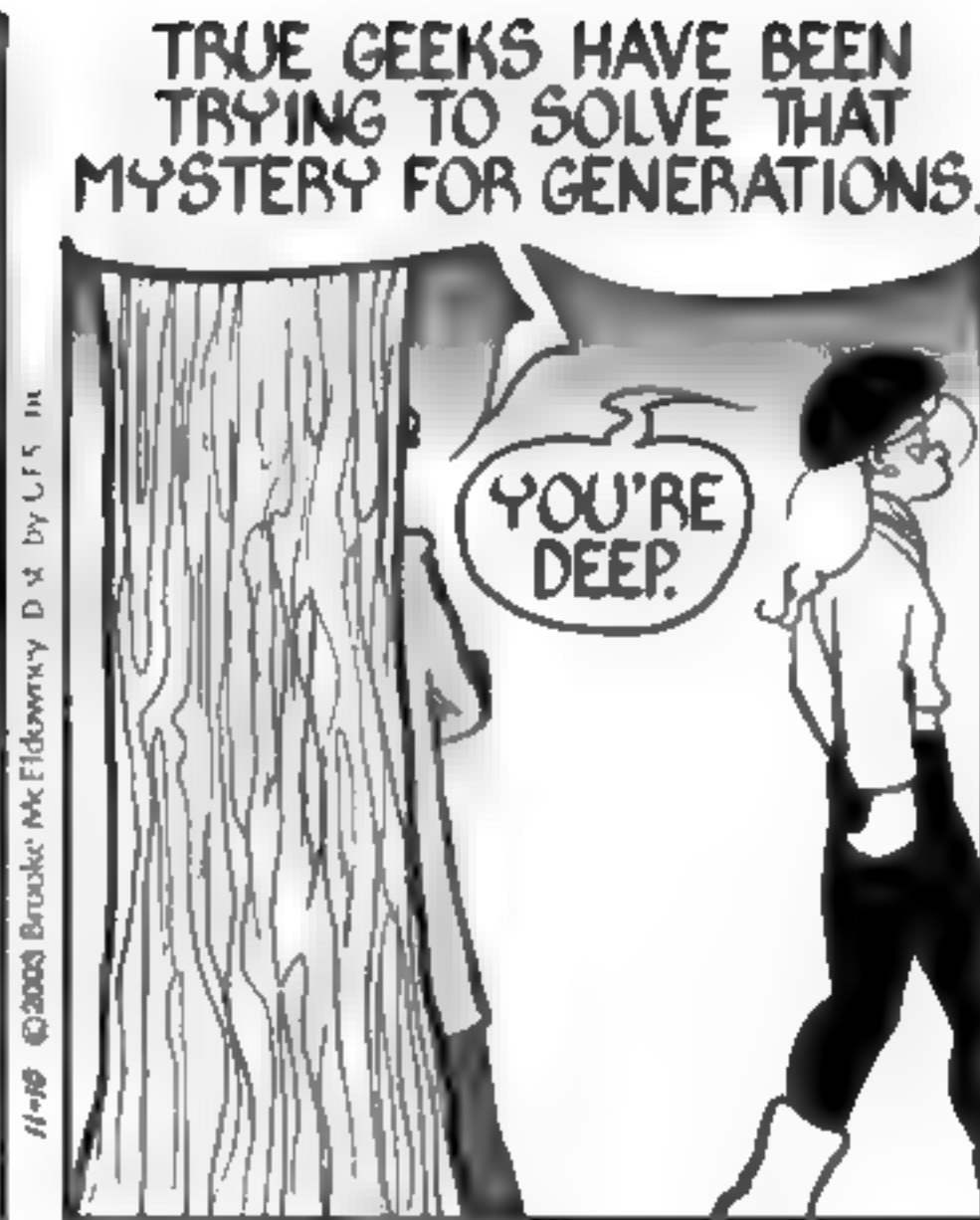
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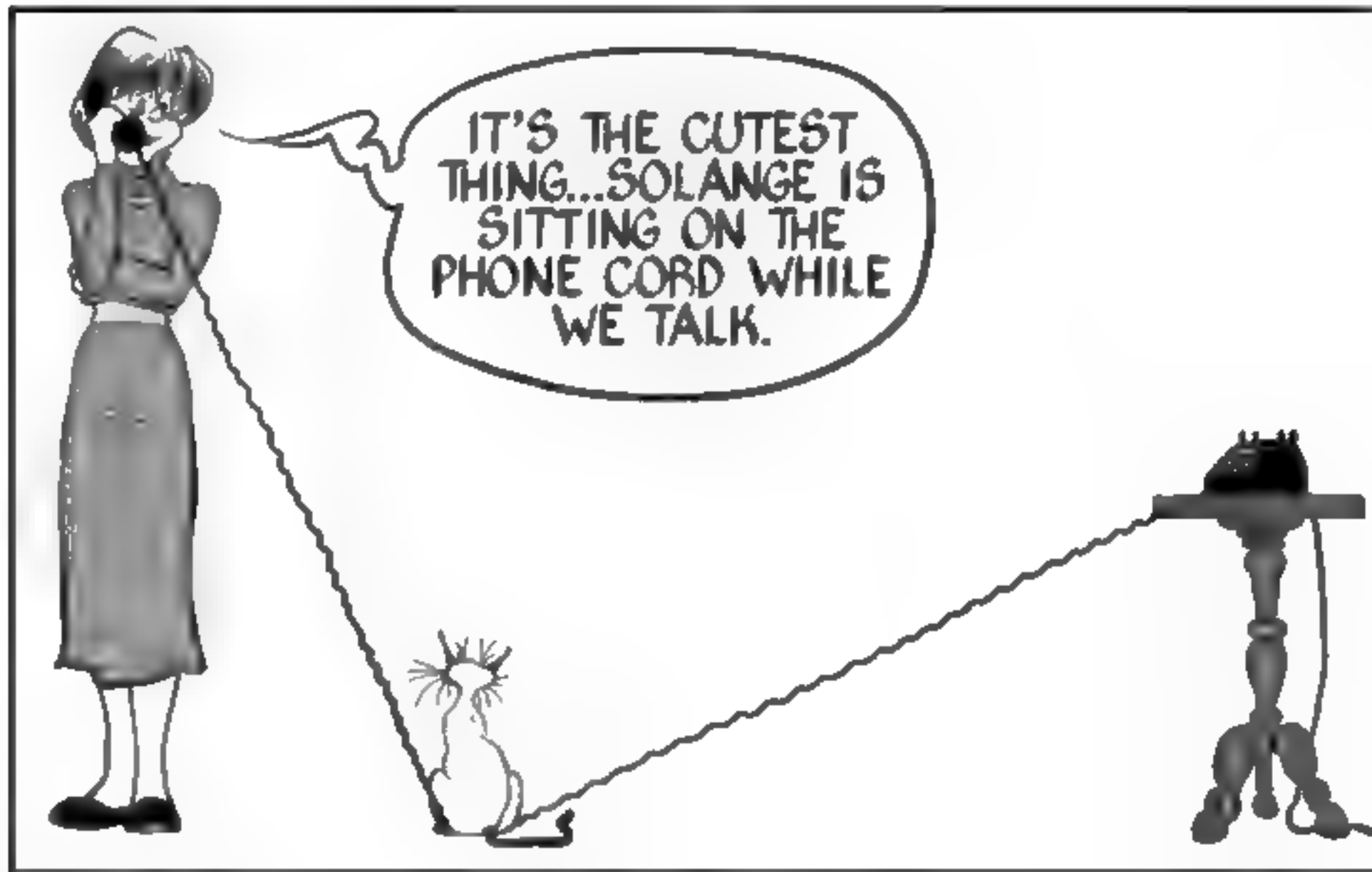


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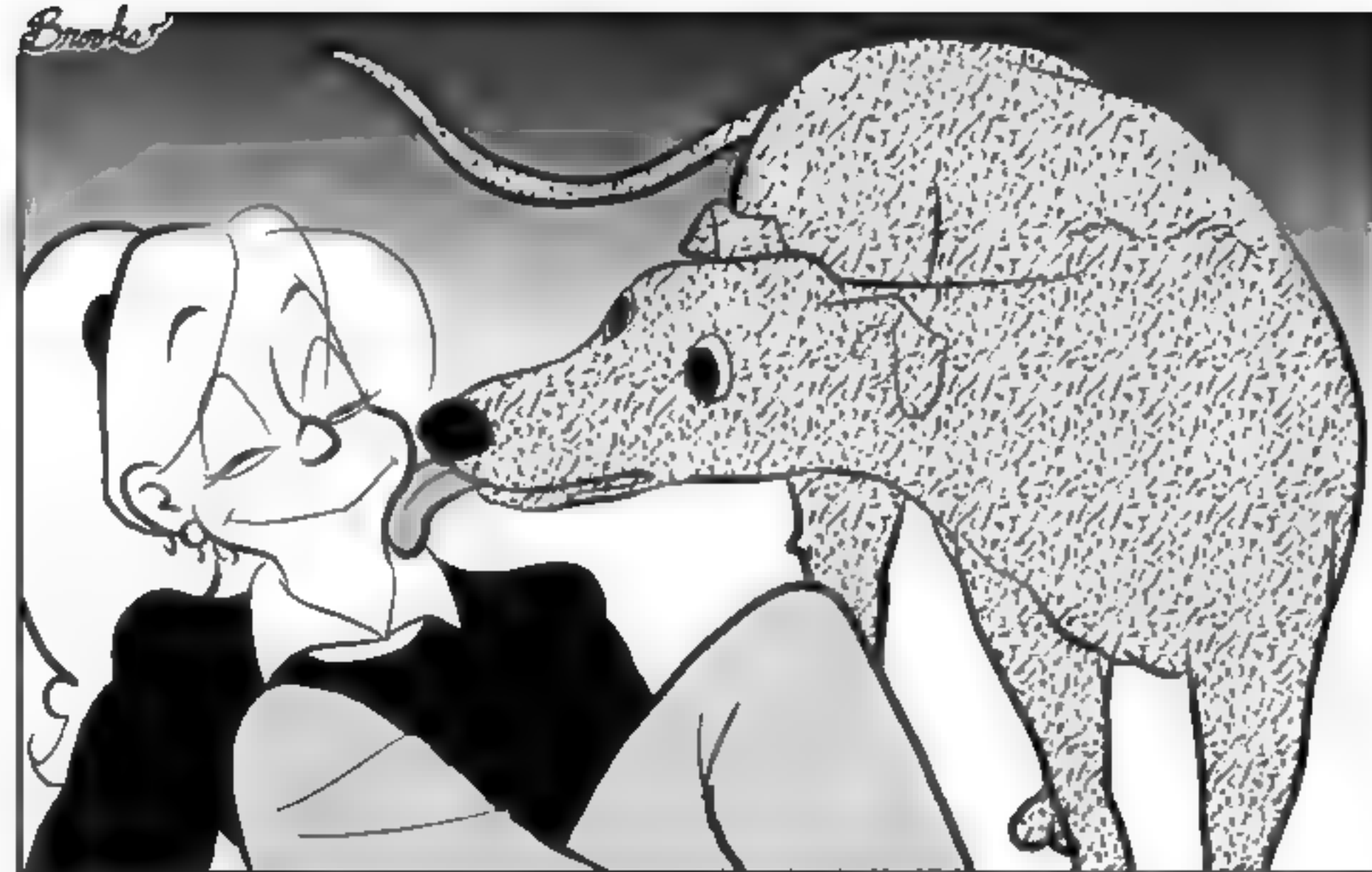
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE,
I LOOK UP AND SUDDENLY
GLIMPSE MYSELF IN THE
FUTURE.



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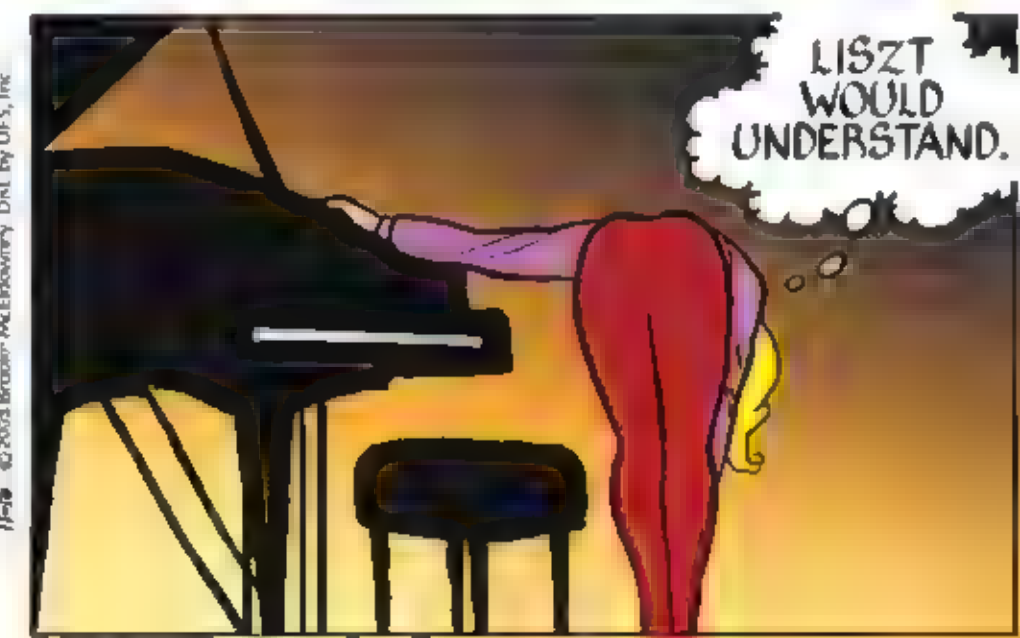
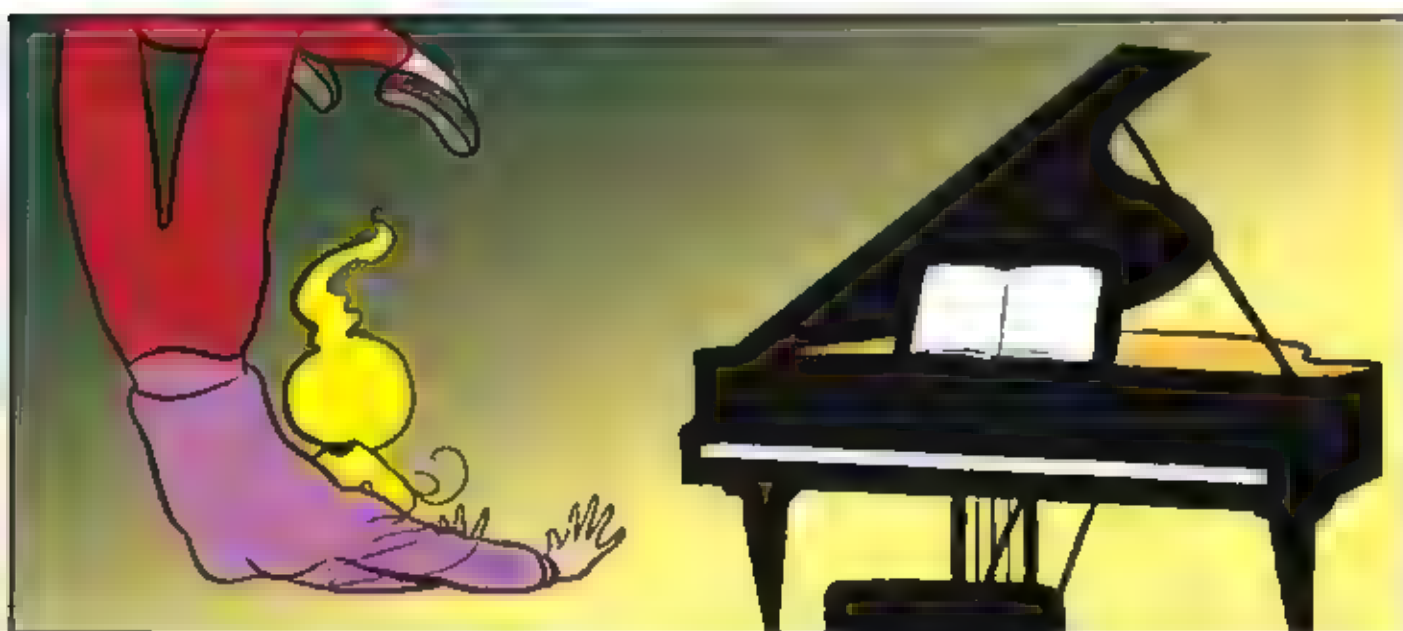
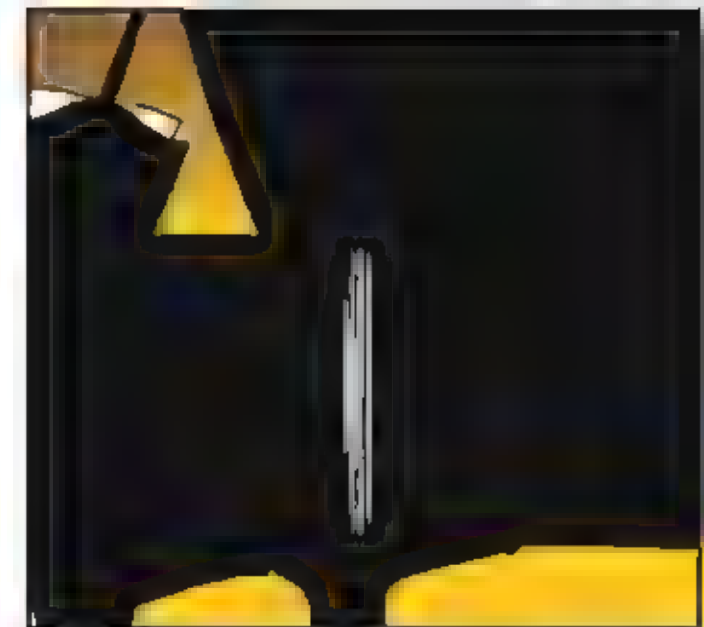


OH, LORD,
SO DO I.





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IT IS HELD AS CULTURALLY
AXIOMATIC FOR A WOMAN TO
PROVOKE SPECULATION ON
HER AGE BY OBLIQUELY
LYING ABOUT
IT.



THAT ALLOWS EVERYONE
WITHIN EARSHOT THE
GRATIFICATION OF ADDING
SIX YEARS TO HER
ANSWER.



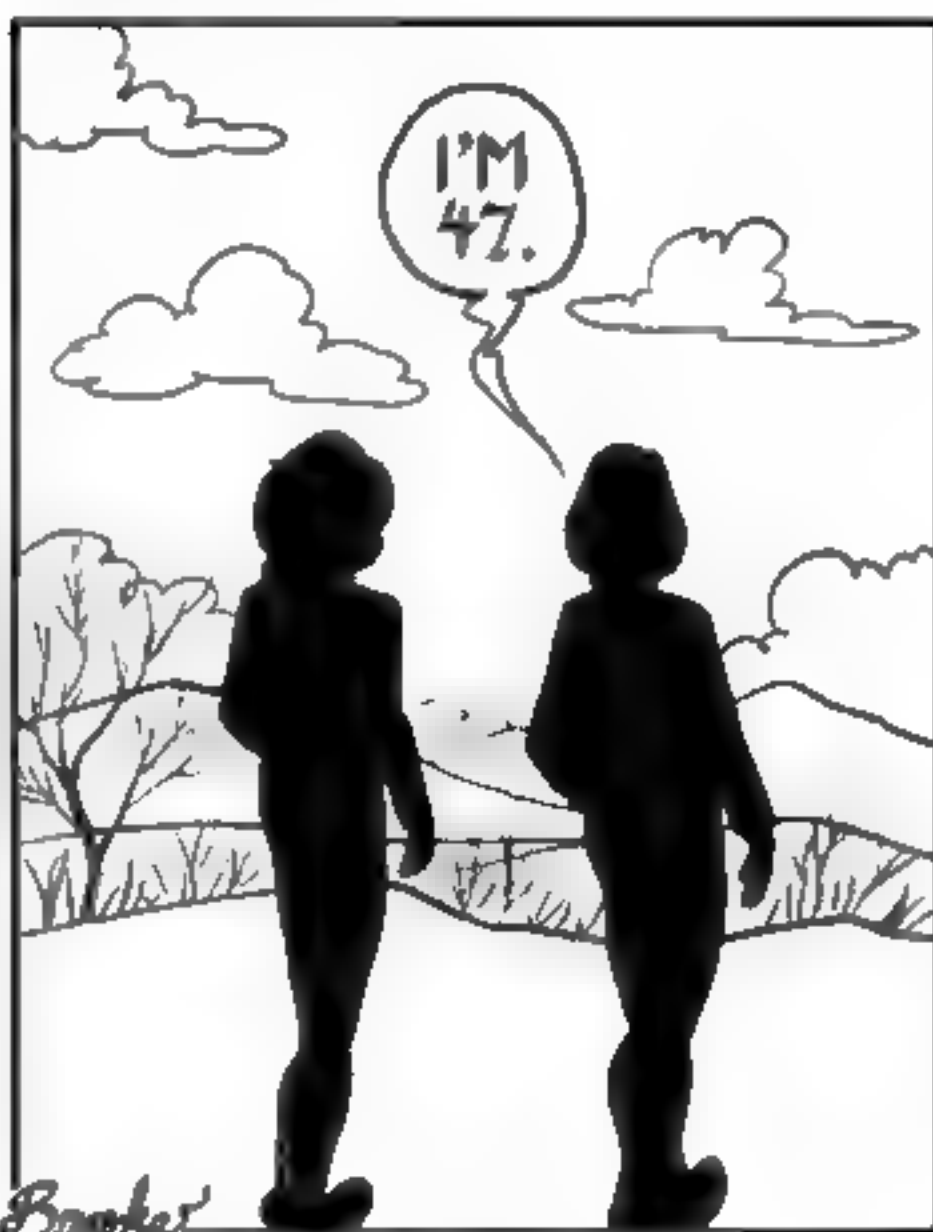
SO WHEN
IT COMES
UP IN CON-
VERSATION,
I ALWAYS
SAY I'M
IN MY
LATE
THIRTIES.



BUT THEN
EVERYONE WILL
THINK YOU'RE
45.



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WHEN YOU WALK BY, MY
MIND FILLS WITH
THE SOUND OF
FLUTES PLAYING.



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WOW...
...NOW I HEAR
SAXOPHONES.



I DIDN'T REALIZE
SHE WAS SO
GOOD AT
ORCHESTRATION.



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LATELY, WHENEVER EDDA
PASSES ME, MY EARS FILL
WITH THE SOUND
OF WAILING
SAXOPHONES
AND A JAZZ
PIANO.



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WHENEVER EDDA WALKS BY
I HEAR SAXOPHONES...WHEN
YOU PASS I HEAR
OCARINAS.



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MAYBE IT'S YOUR GAIT.
PERHAPS IF YOU HELD
YOUR BOOKS MORE
TO ONE SIDE
OR THE
OTHER...

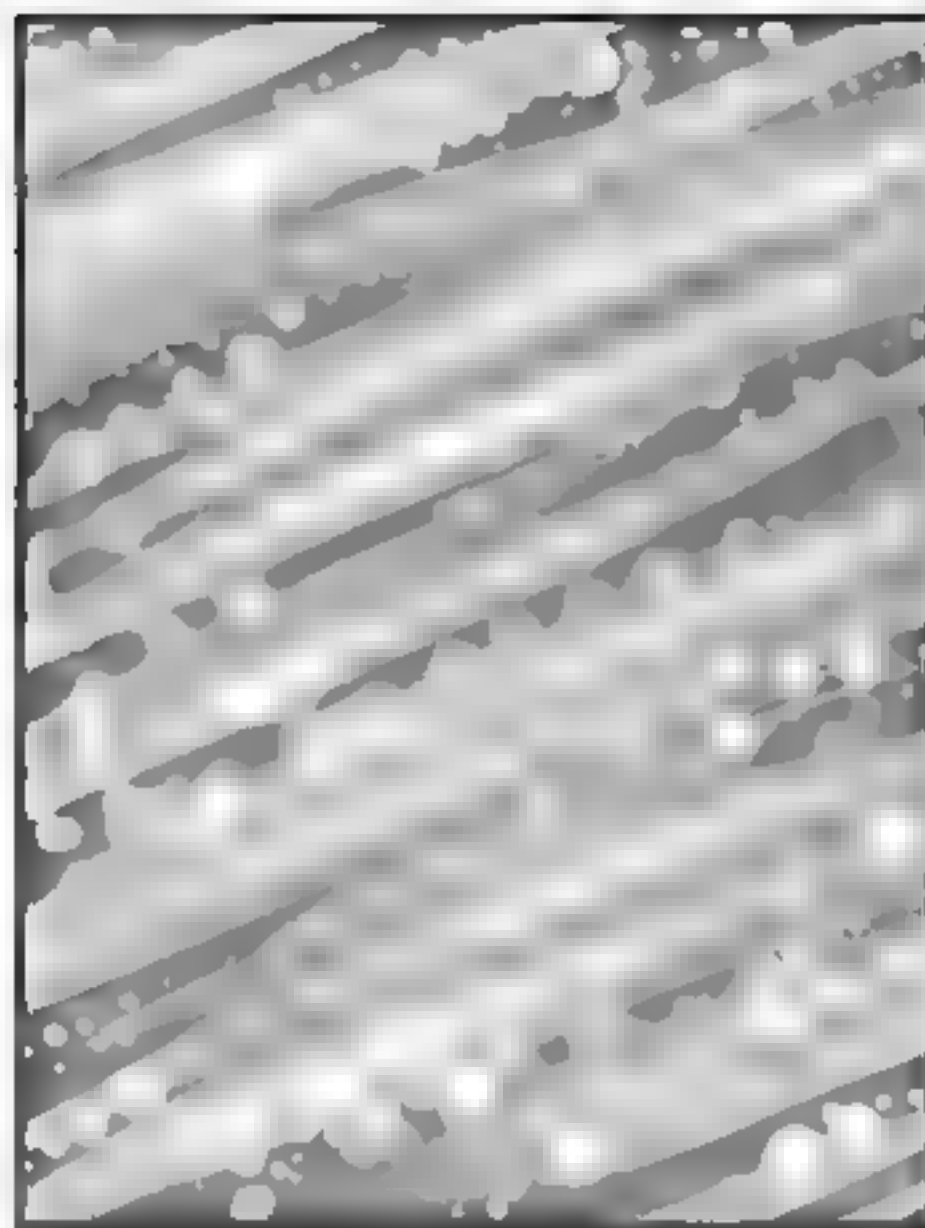
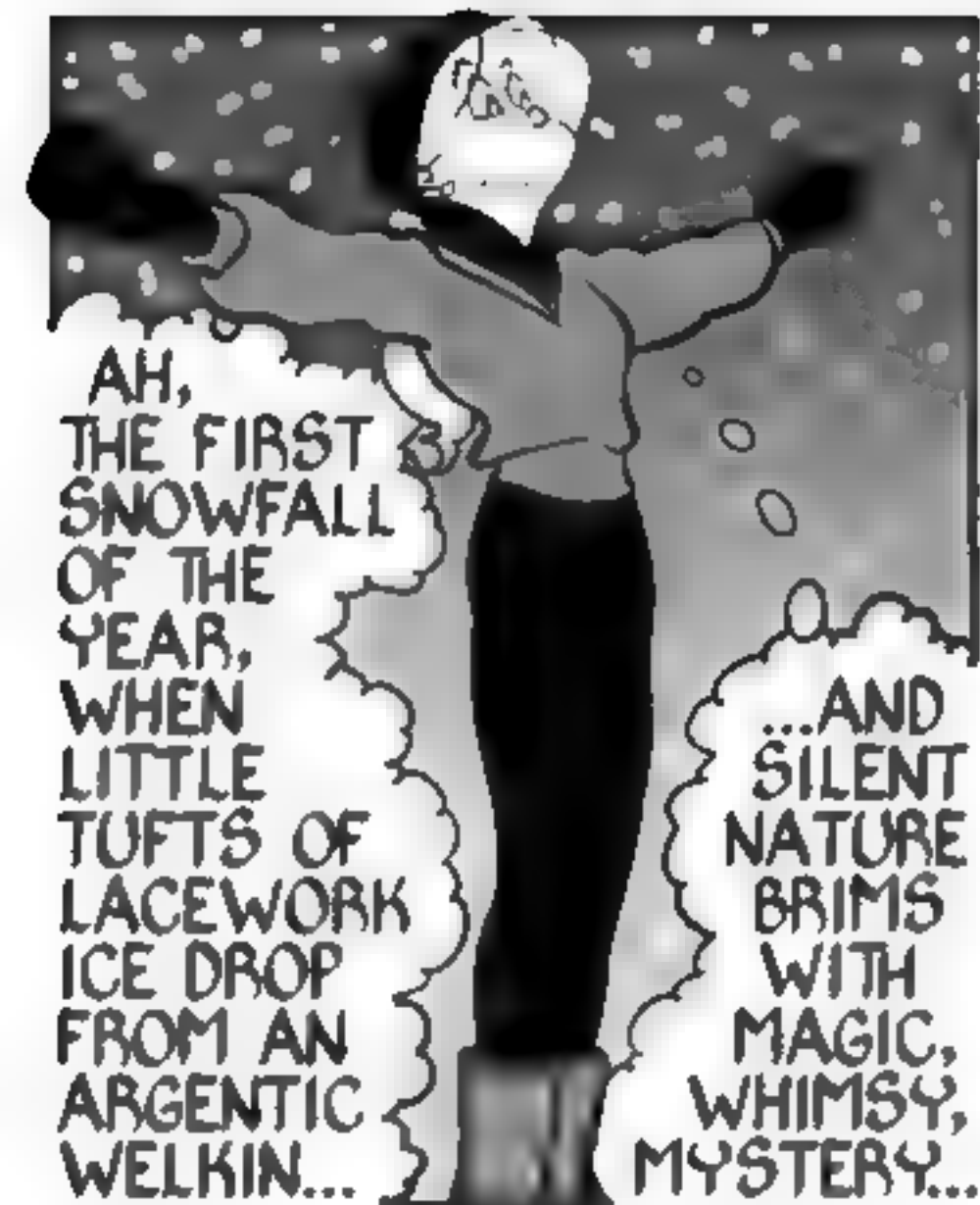


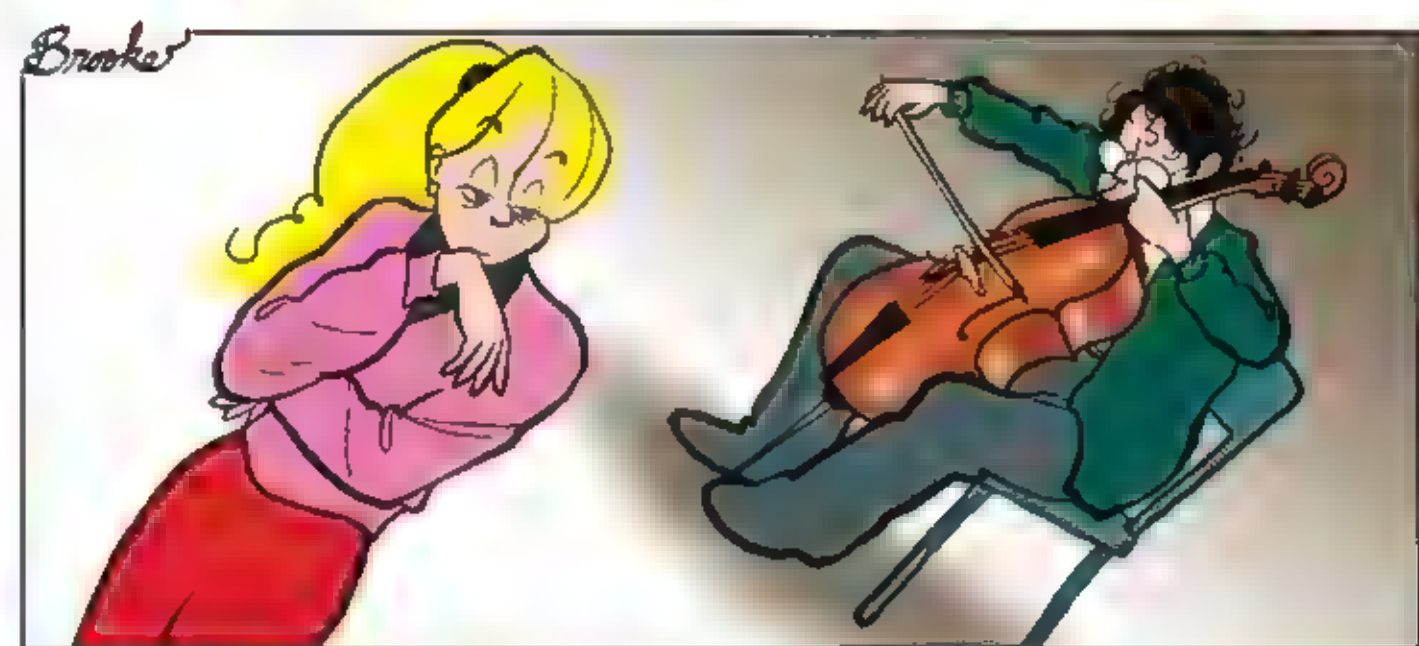
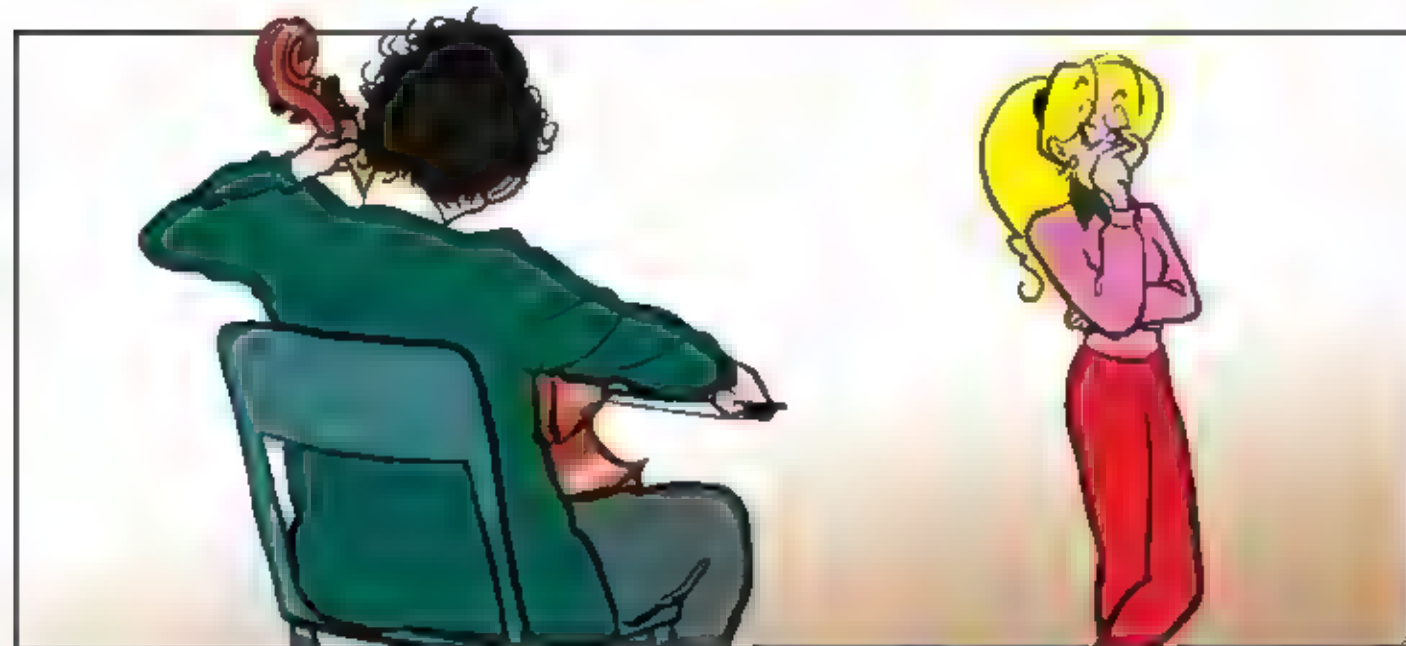
OKAY, THAT WAS AN
IMPROVEMENT...BUT IF YOU
REALLY TRY, I BET YOU
CAN DO BETTER THAN
A KAZOO BAND.



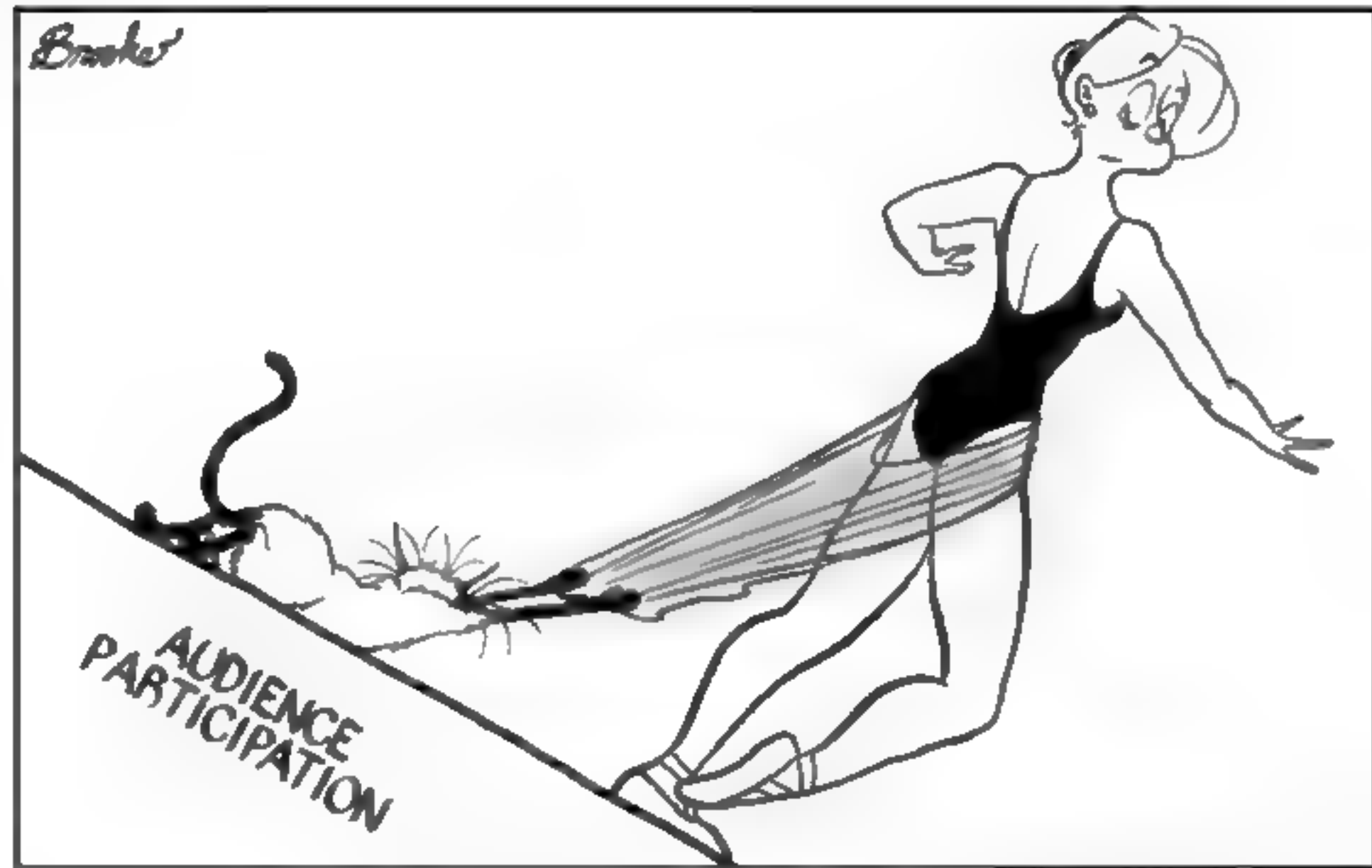
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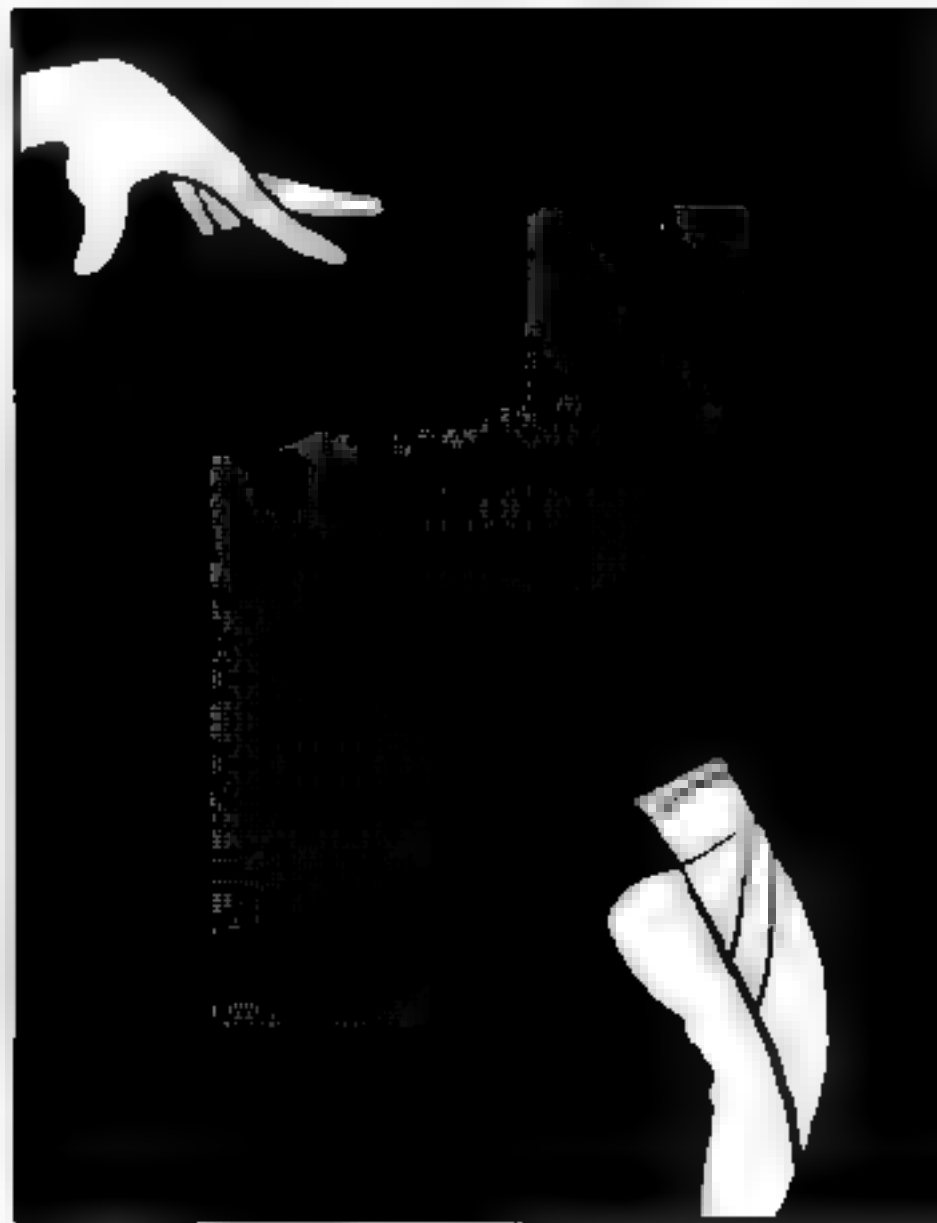


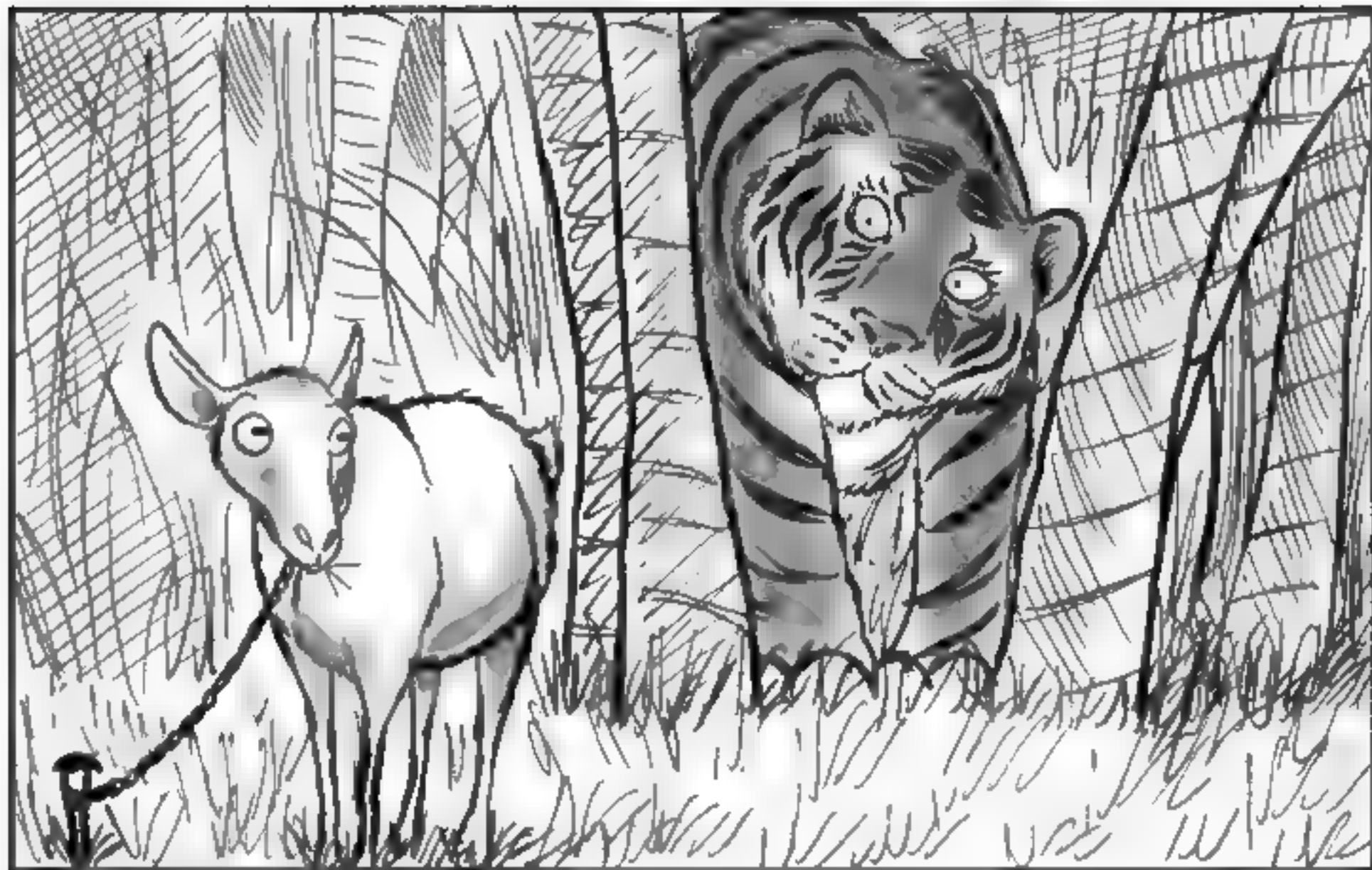
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SPONTANEOUS
EXPRESSIONS OF
AFFECTION







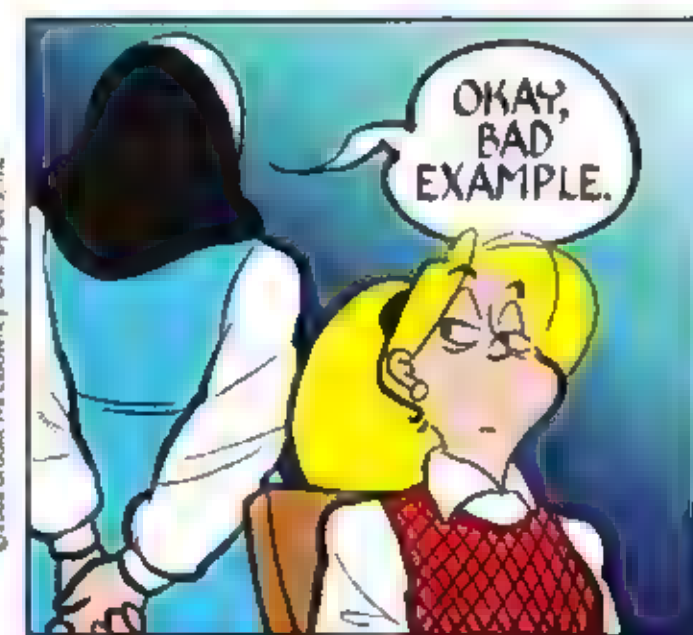
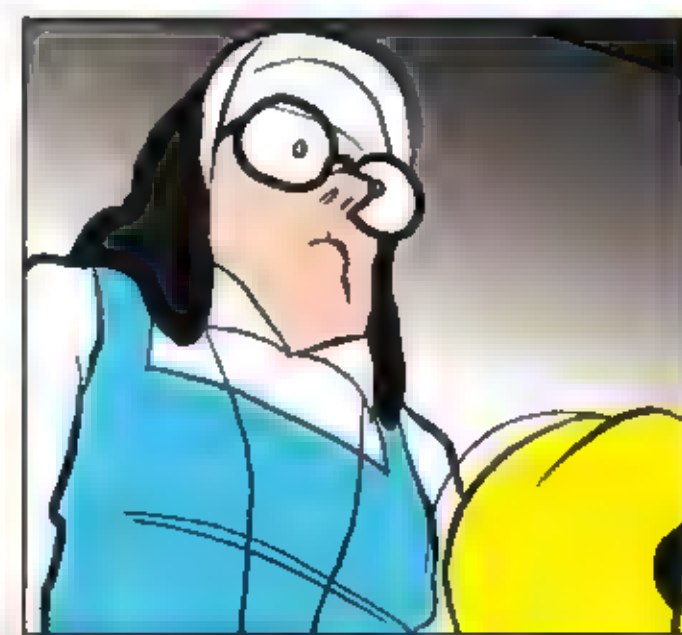
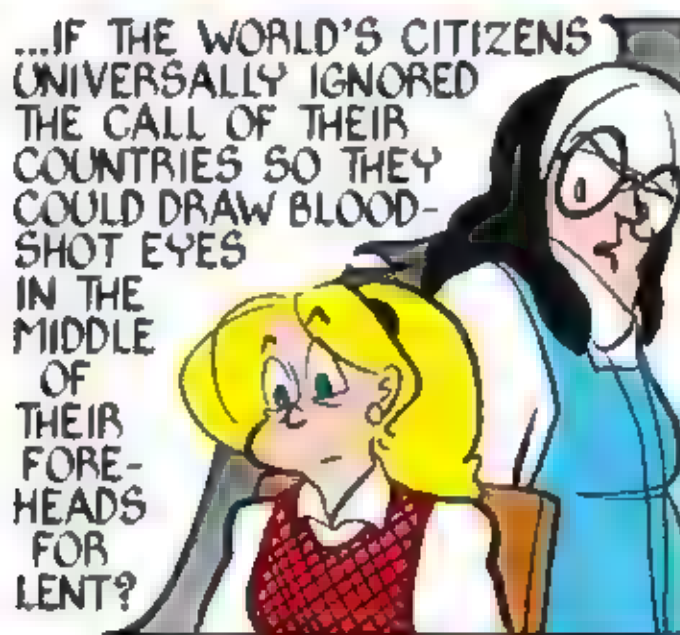
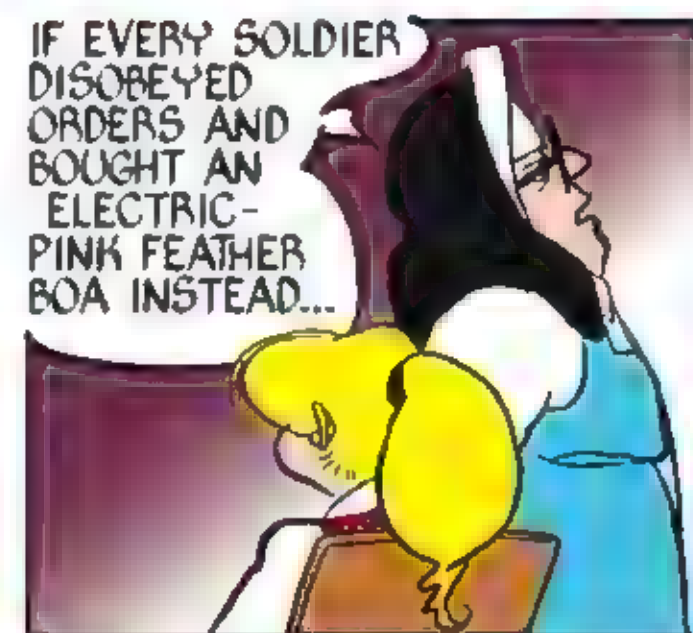
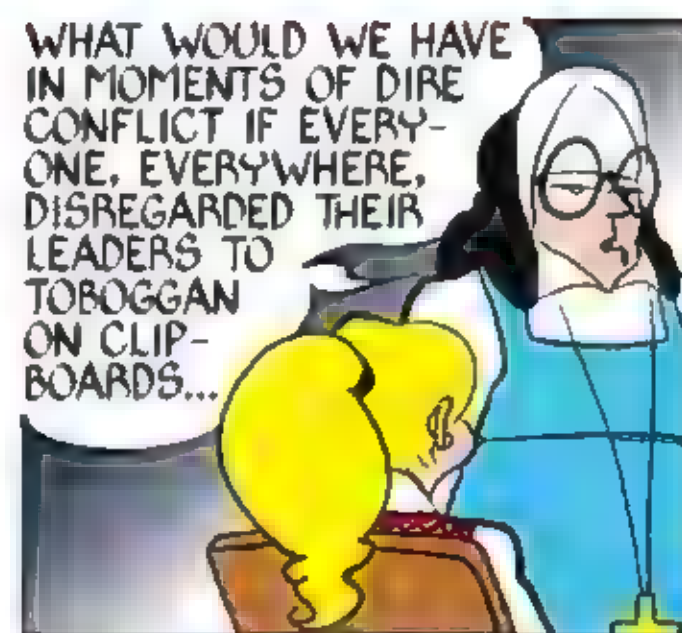
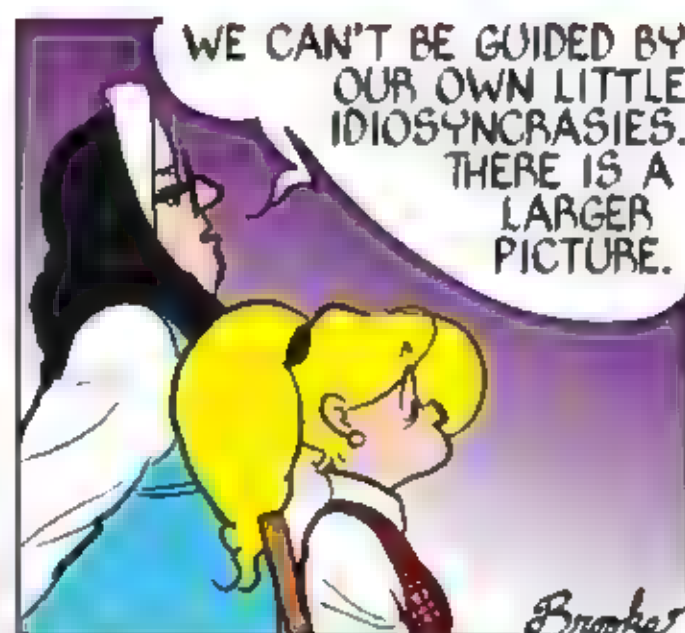
LICENTIOUSNESS!...THERE'S NOTHING ON TV BUT
LASCIVIOUS DRAMAS, LECHEROUS SITCOMS,
LEWD DOCUMENTARIES...EVERY STATION
I TURN TO, IT'S JUST
MORE AND MORE
LICENTIOUSNESS!

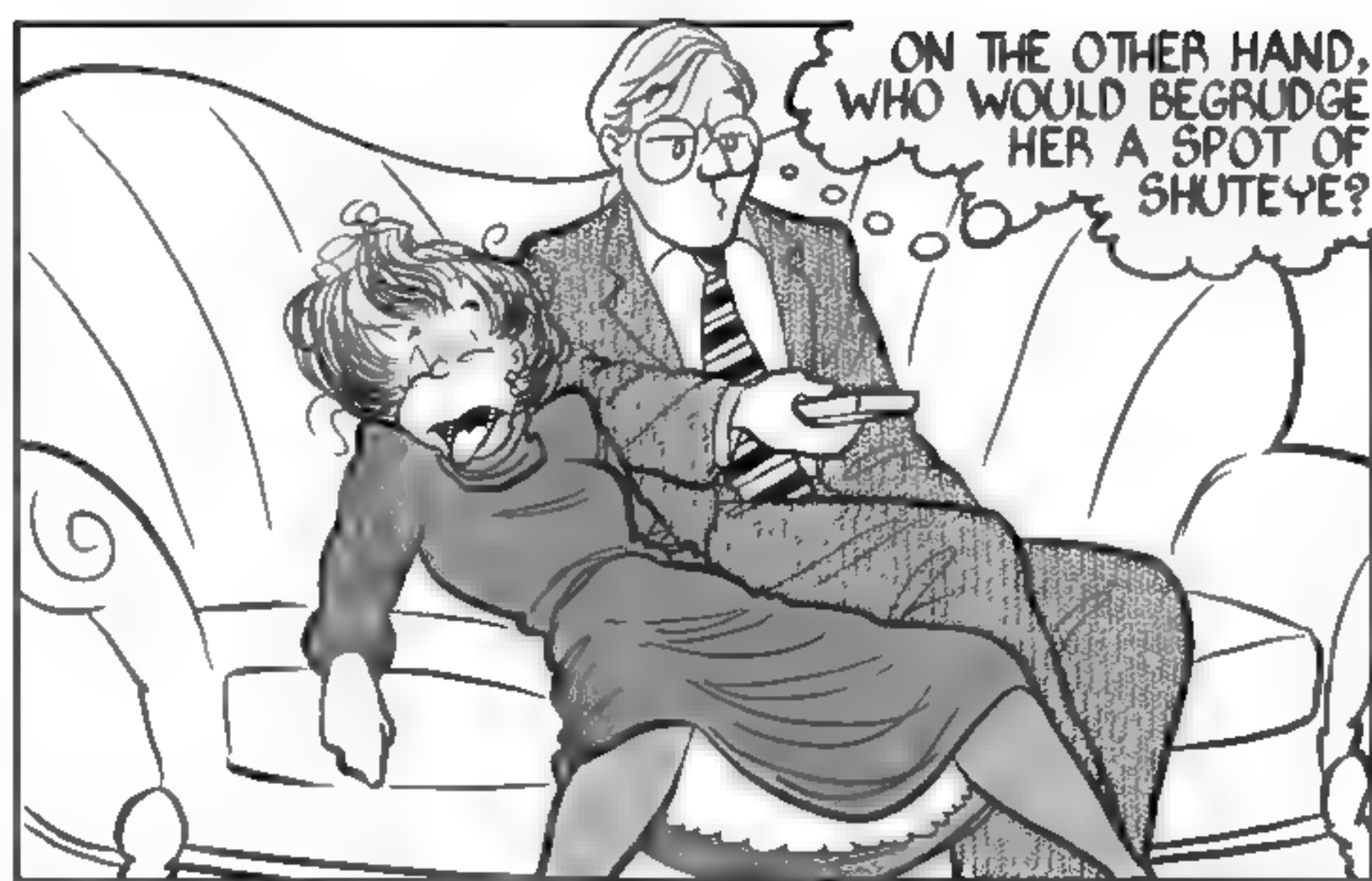


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9 CHICKWEED LANE





IT'S...



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...MINE!



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**ALL
MINE!**



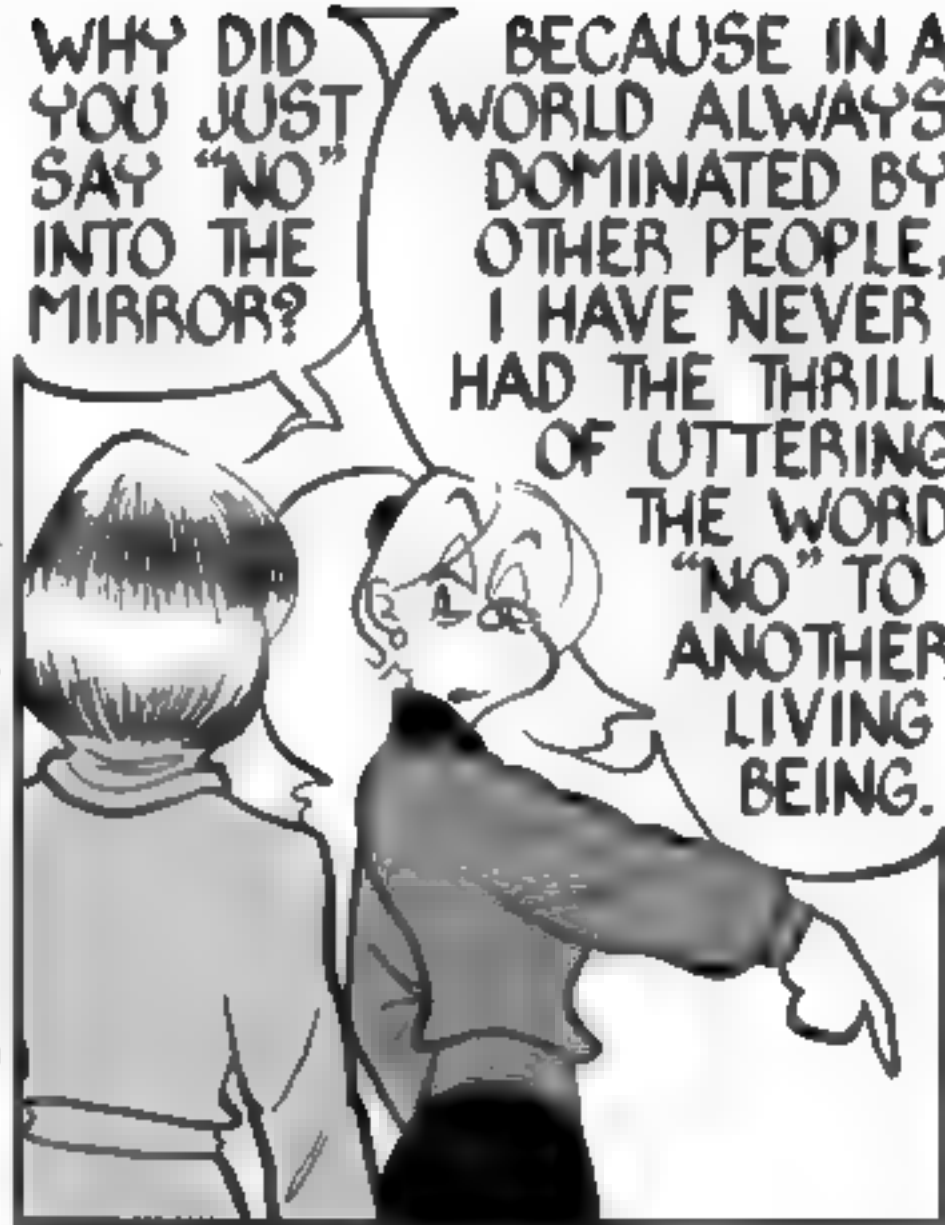
**FOR ONCE, COULDN'T SHE
ACCEPT AN ACADEMIC
AWARD WITHOUT THE
MANIACAL LAUGHTER?**

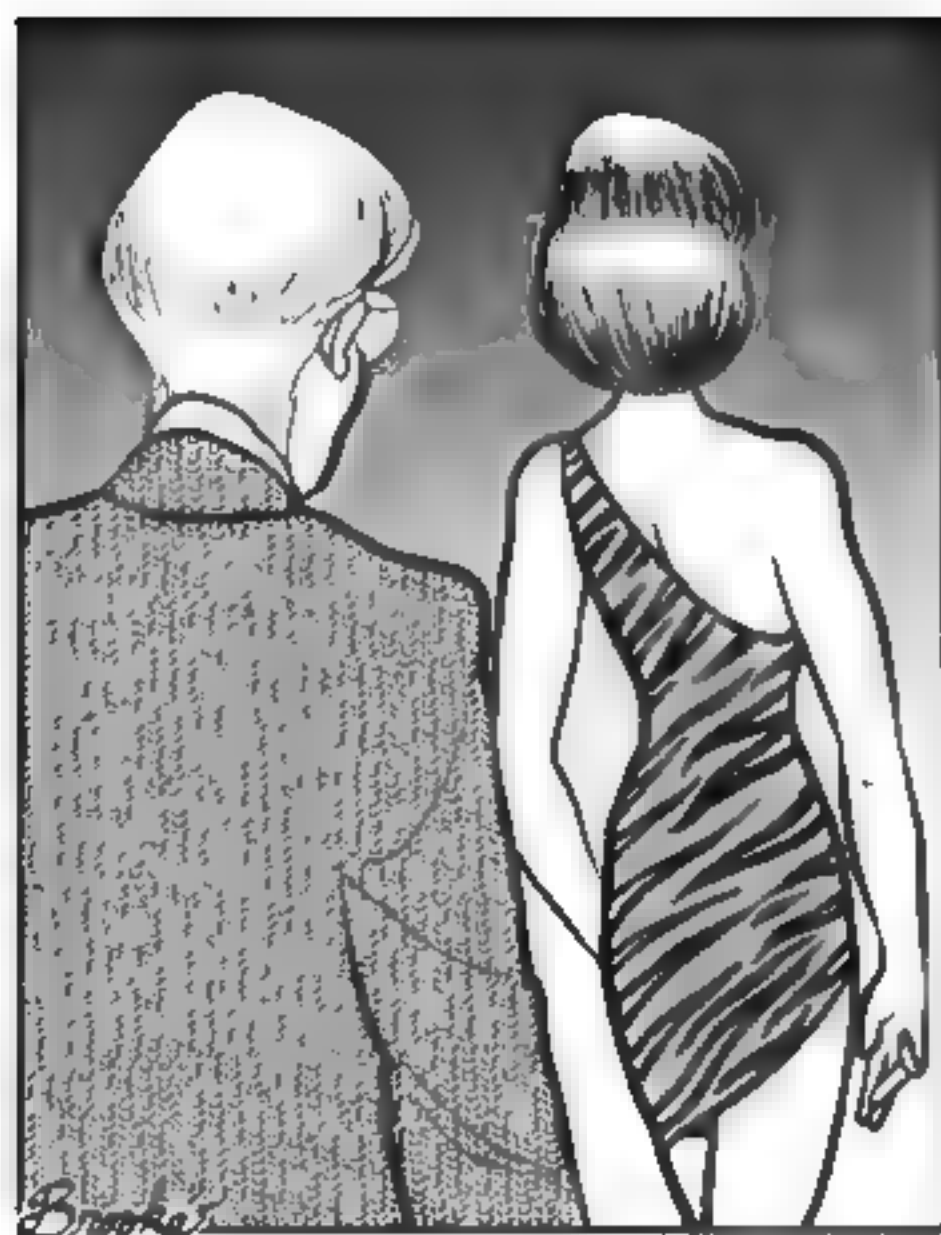


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I CAN'T RAISE YOUR
EXAM GRADE, AMOS.
THERE'S NOTHING
HIGHER THAN
A+.



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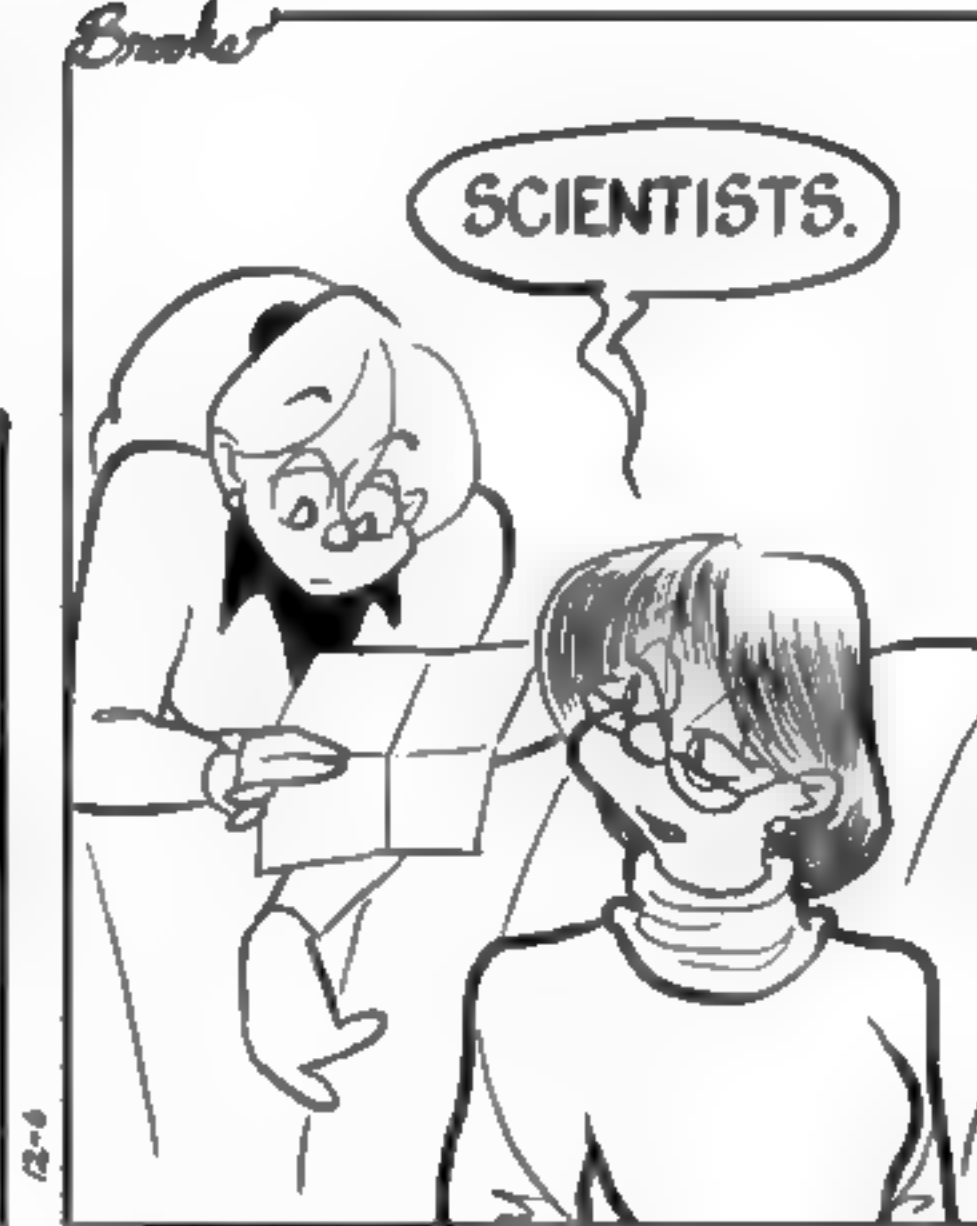
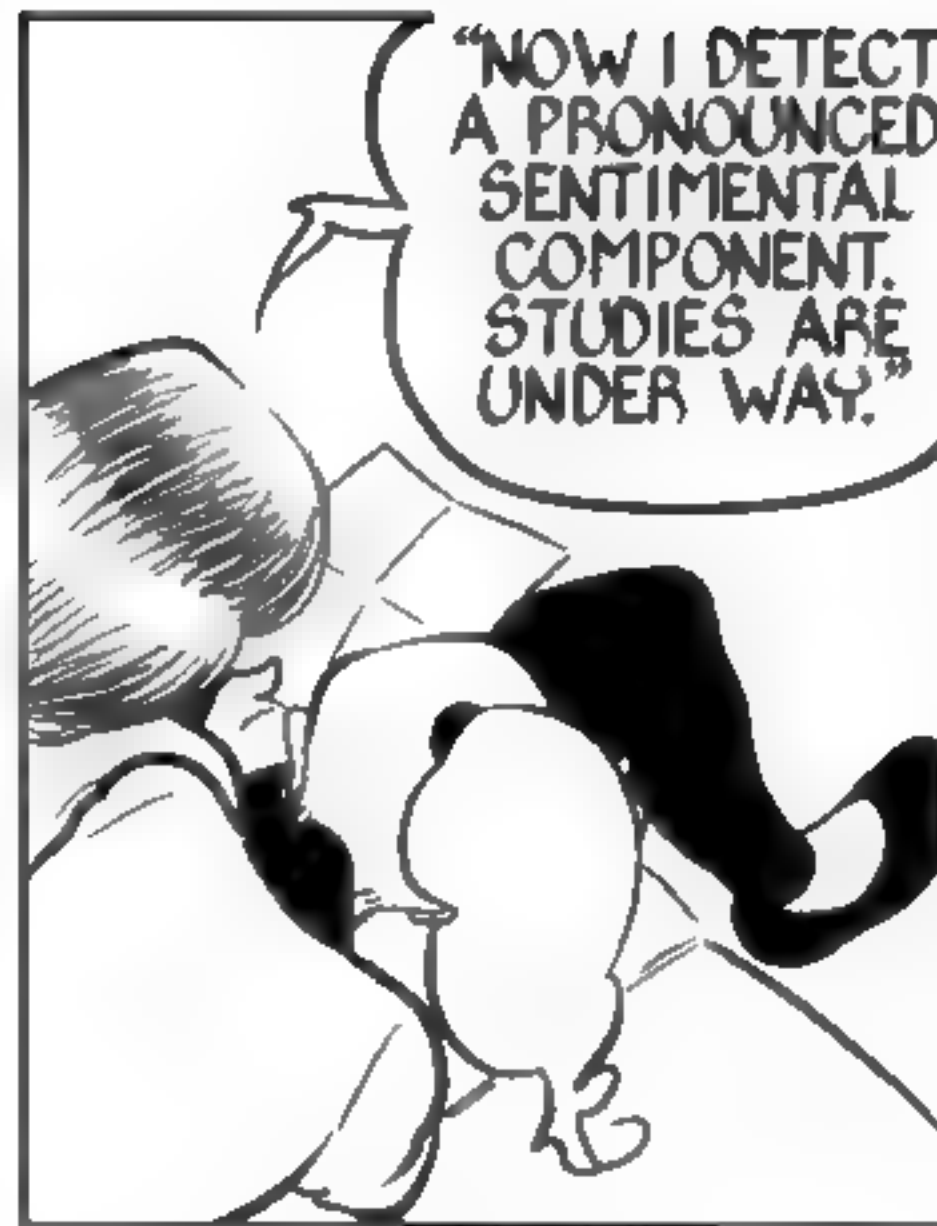
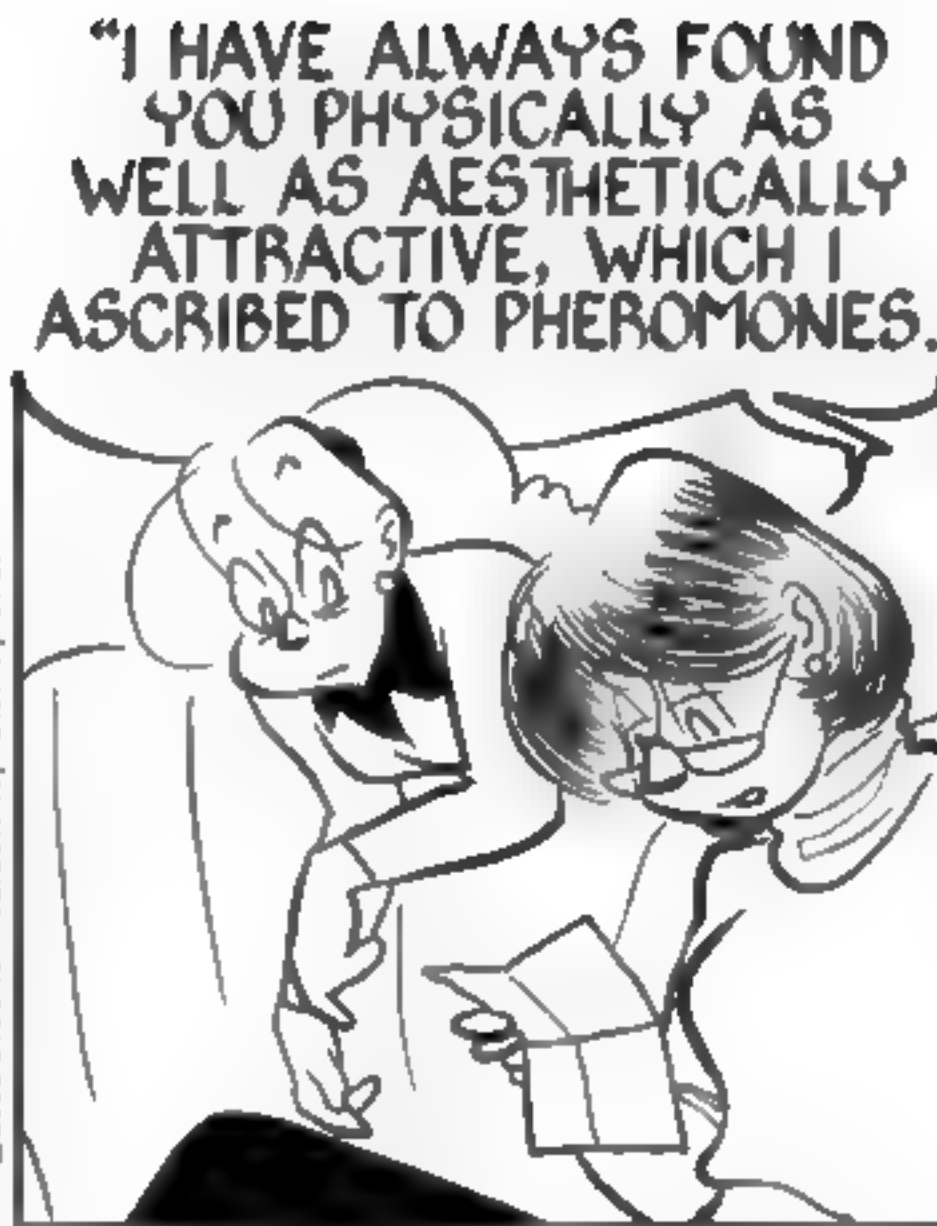
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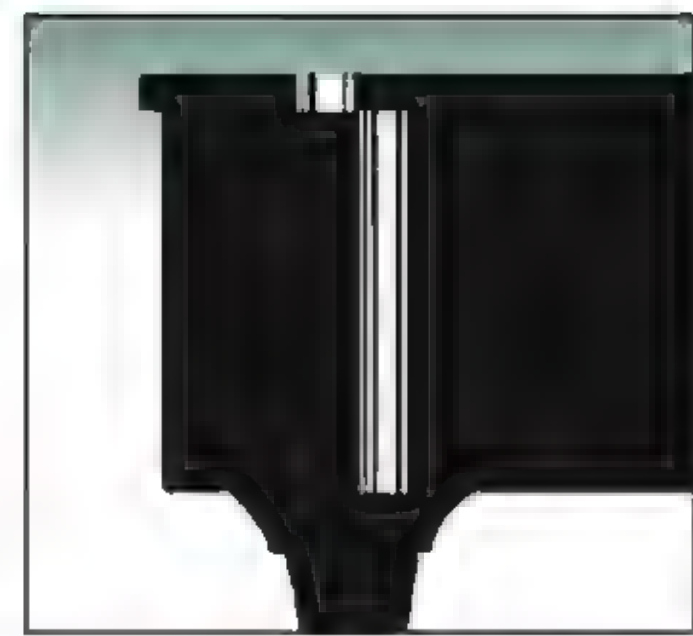
COULD
YOU WRITE,
"VIRILE"?





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FOR SOME,
IT IS THE
SHEER MAGNITUDE
OF THE PIANO
REPERTORY THAT
HOLDS ONE IN
AWE.



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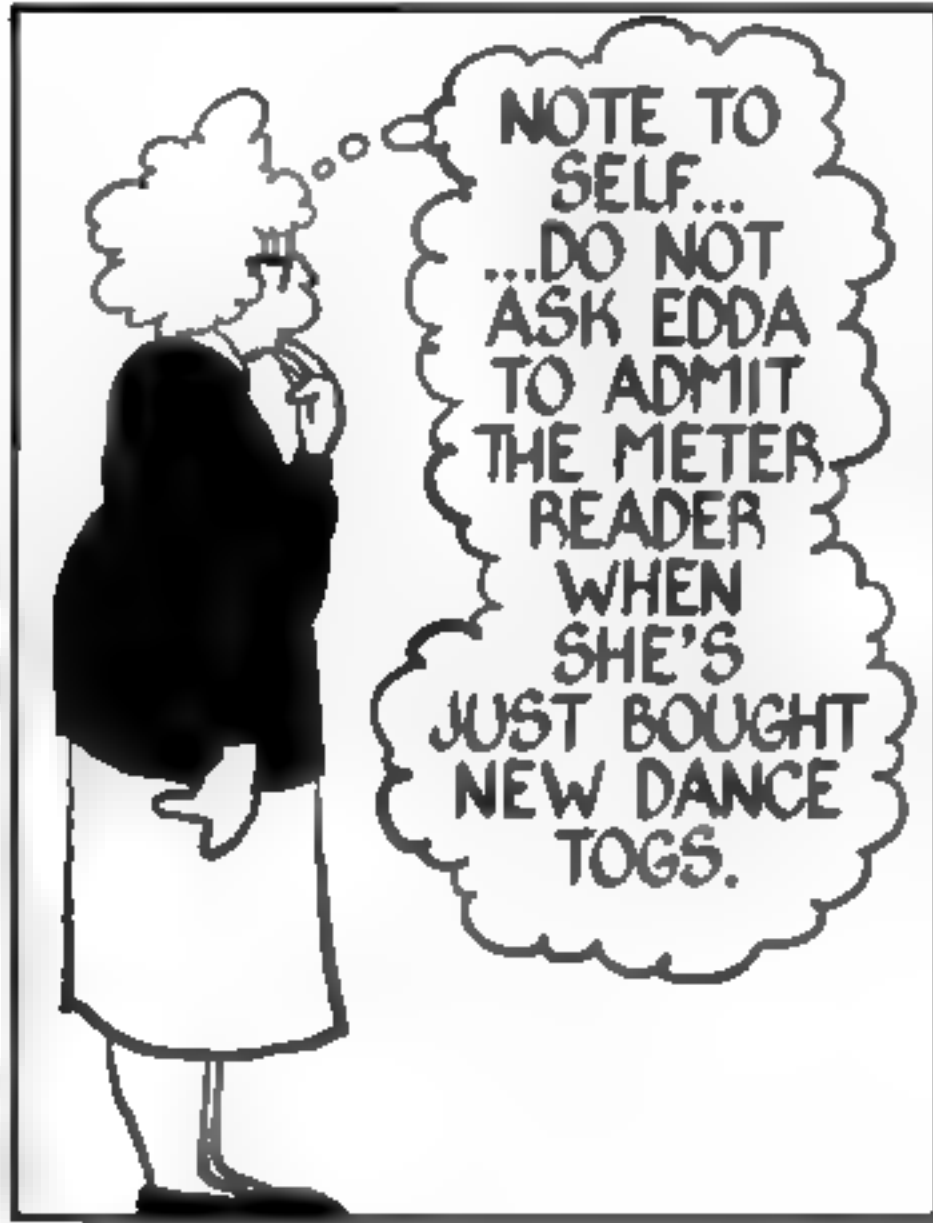
FOR
OTHERS,
IT'S THE
FINGER
EXERCISES.





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NOTE TO
SELF...
...DO NOT
ASK EDDA
TO ADMIT
THE METER
READER
WHEN
SHE'S
JUST BOUGHT
NEW DANCE
TOGS.

SISTER ARAMUS, I NEED
SOMEBODY TO PROOFREAD
THIS...



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I WILL,
SISTER
STEVEN.



ARE YOU
GOOD AT
PROOF-
READING?



ACTUALLY, I'M A CERTIFIED
PREPOSITION SURGEON
WITH A SUBSPECIALTY
IN SPLIT INFINITIVE
REATTACHMENT.



SISTER ARAMUS, I NEED
SOMEBODY TO PROOFREAD
THIS...

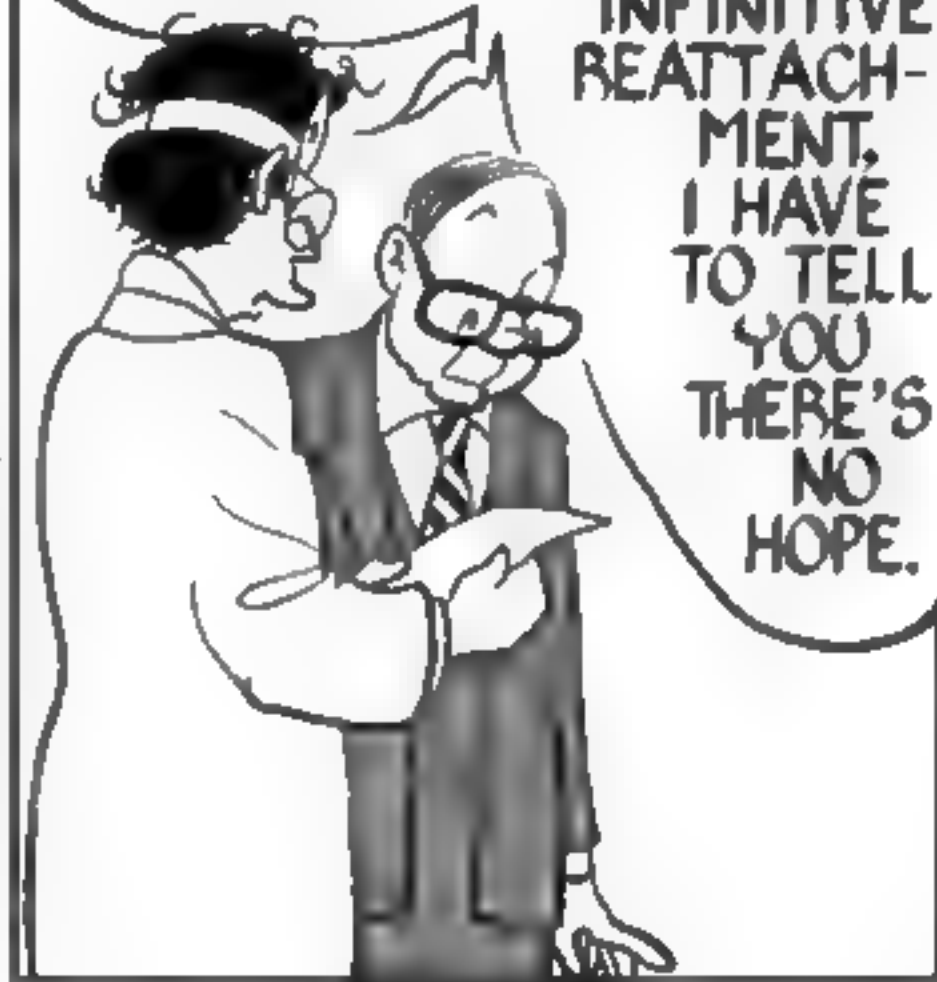


"THIS ENDEAVOR WILL BE
SOMETHING TO COMPLETELY,
UNEQUIVOCALLY, BUT IN A
MEASURED WAY, GIVEN MY
YEARS OF EXPERIENCE,
THROW
MYSELF
INTO."

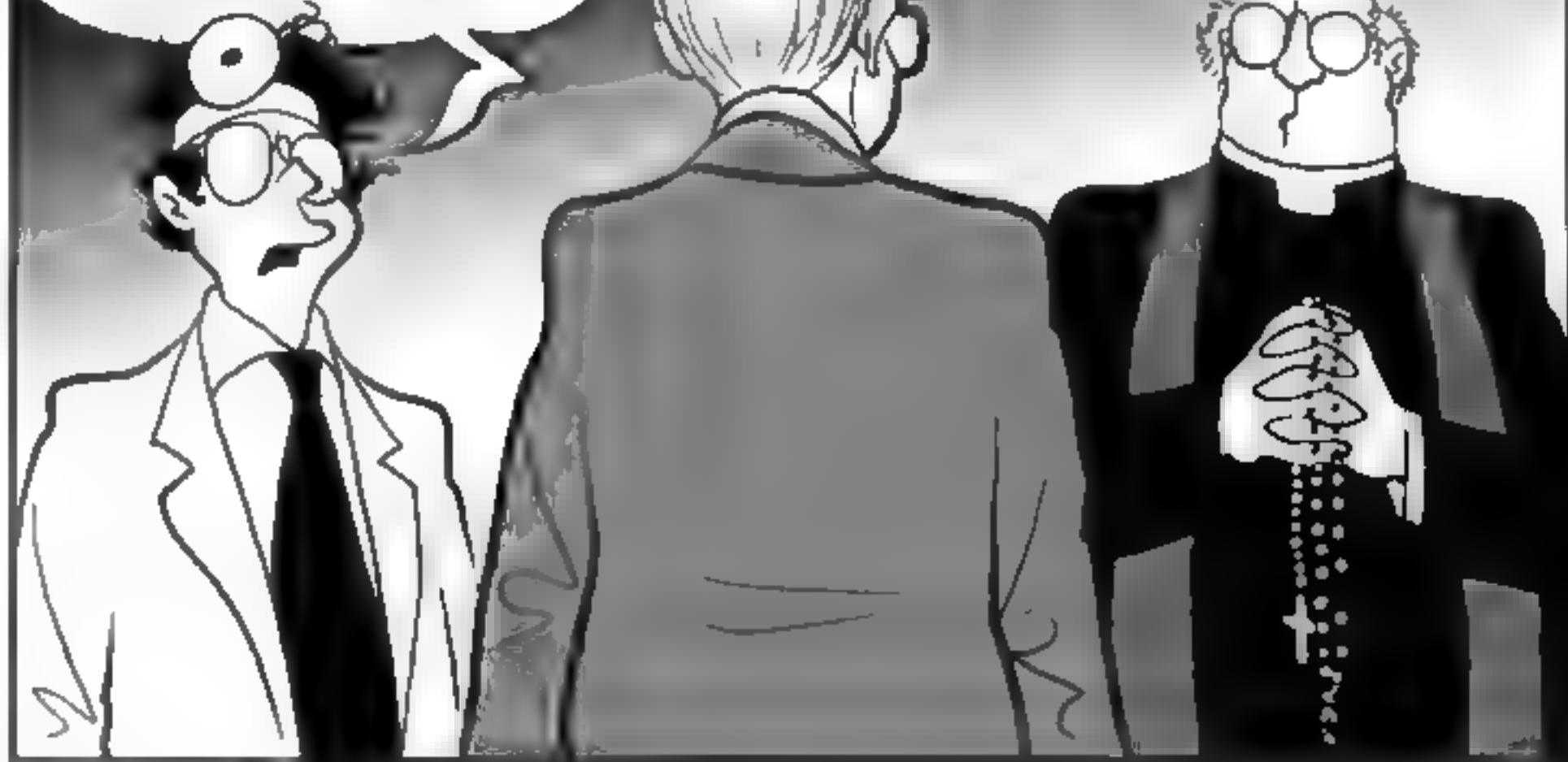


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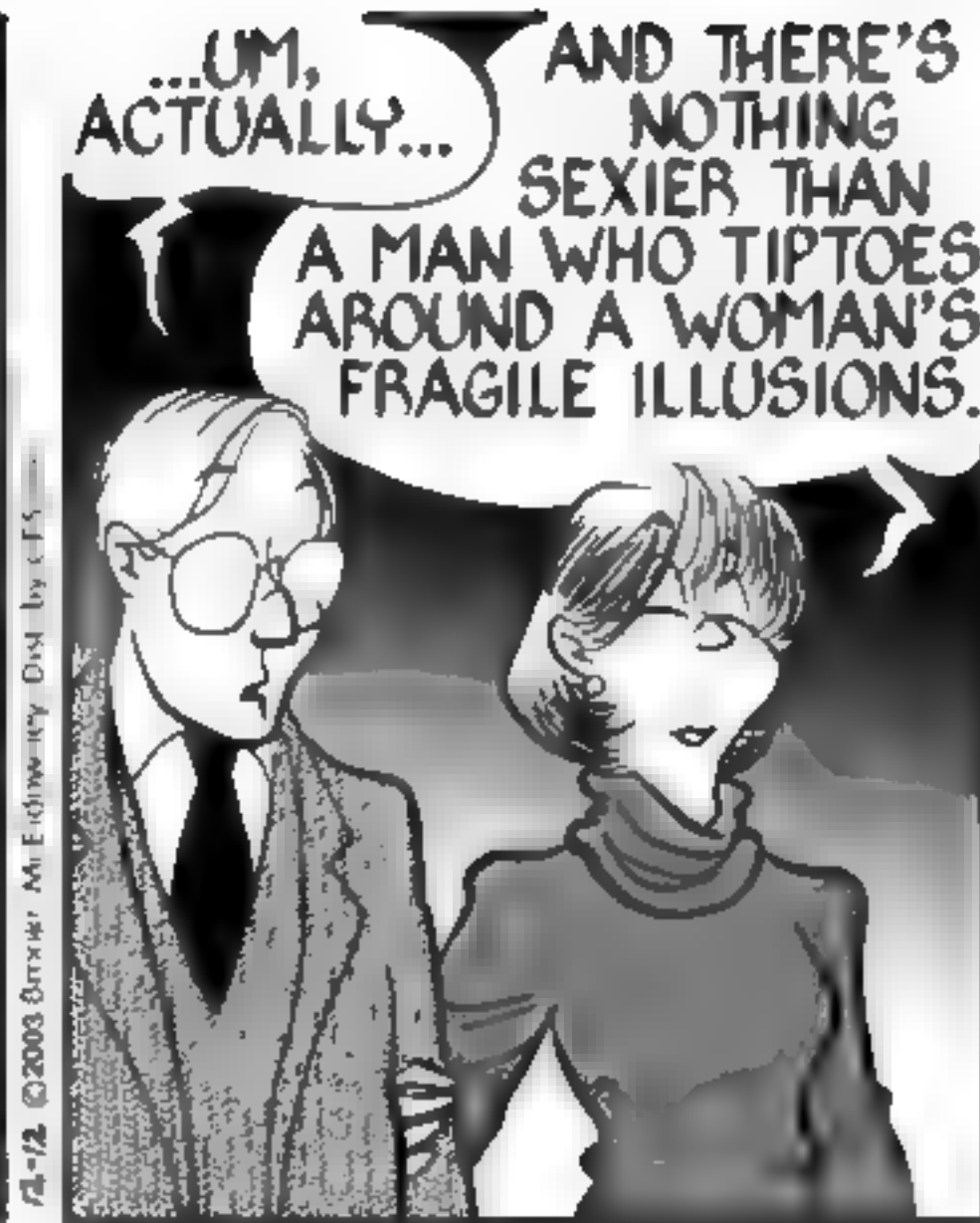
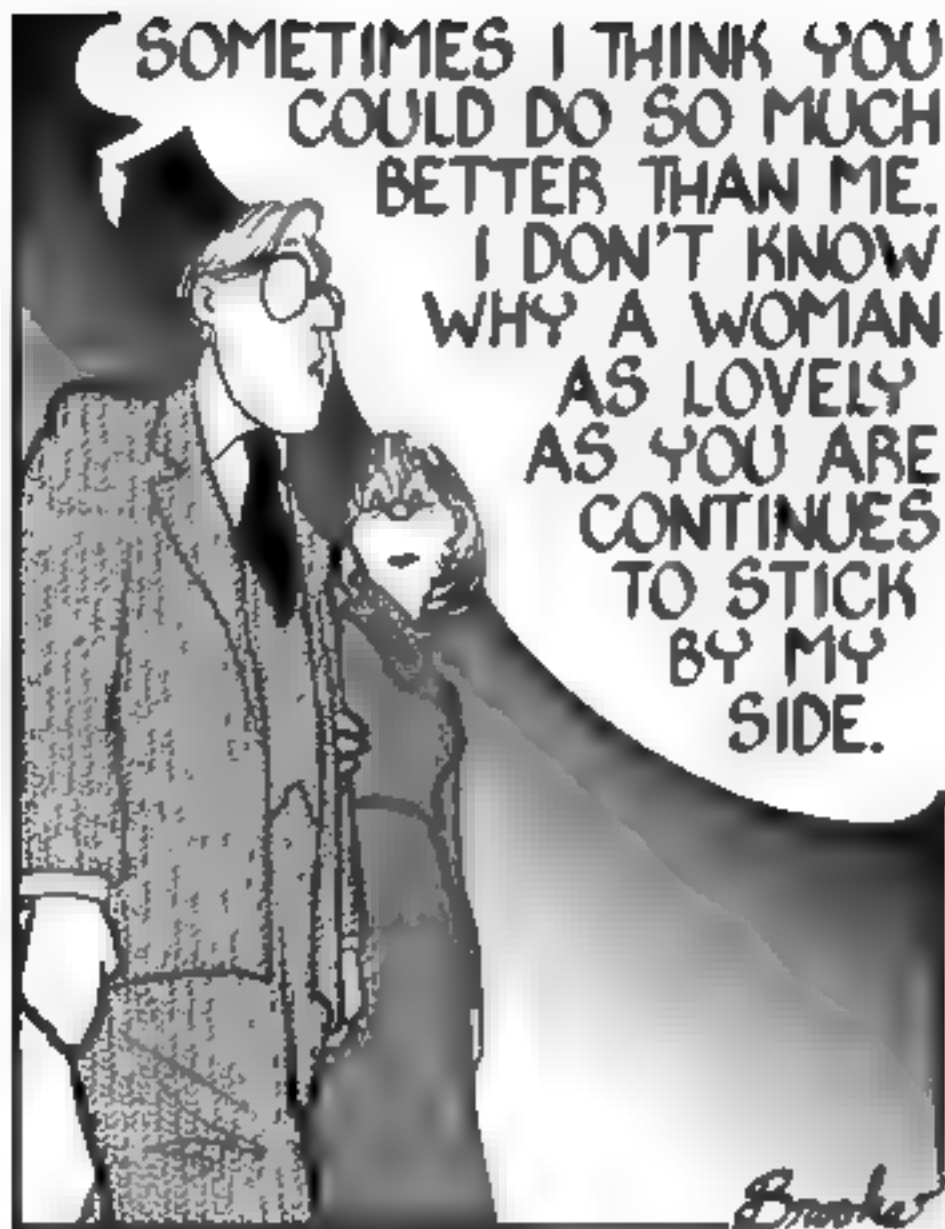
I'M SORRY, BUT AS A PRE-
POSITION SURGEON WITH A
SUBSPECIALTY IN SPLIT
INFINITIVE
REATTACH-
MENT,
I HAVE
TO TELL
YOU
THERE'S
NO
HOPE.



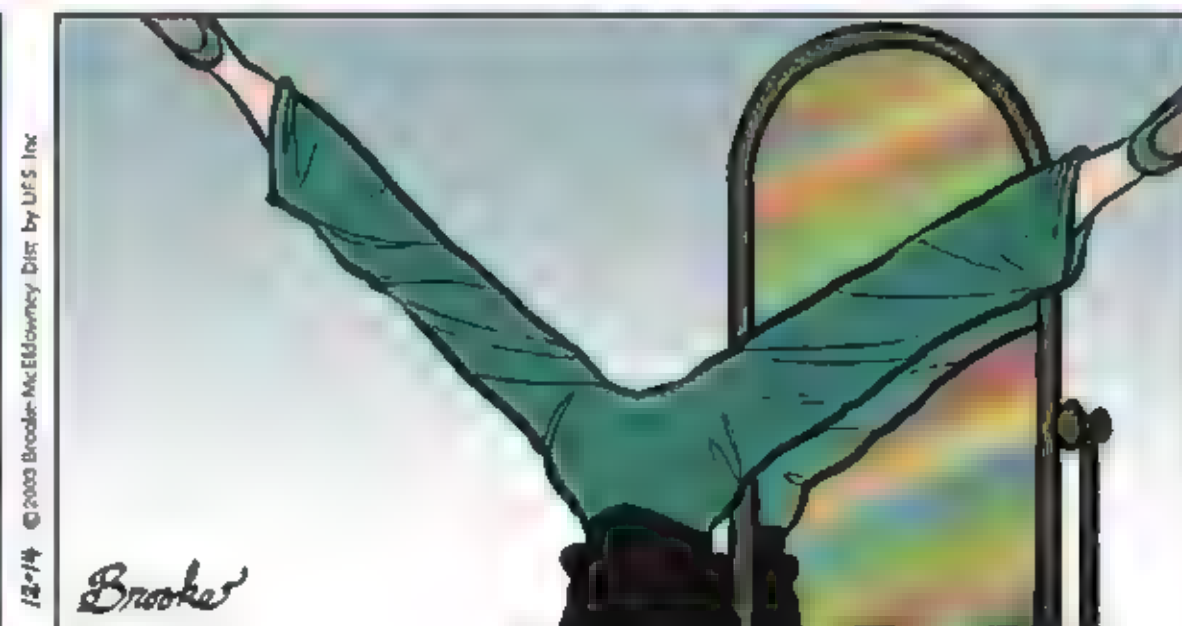
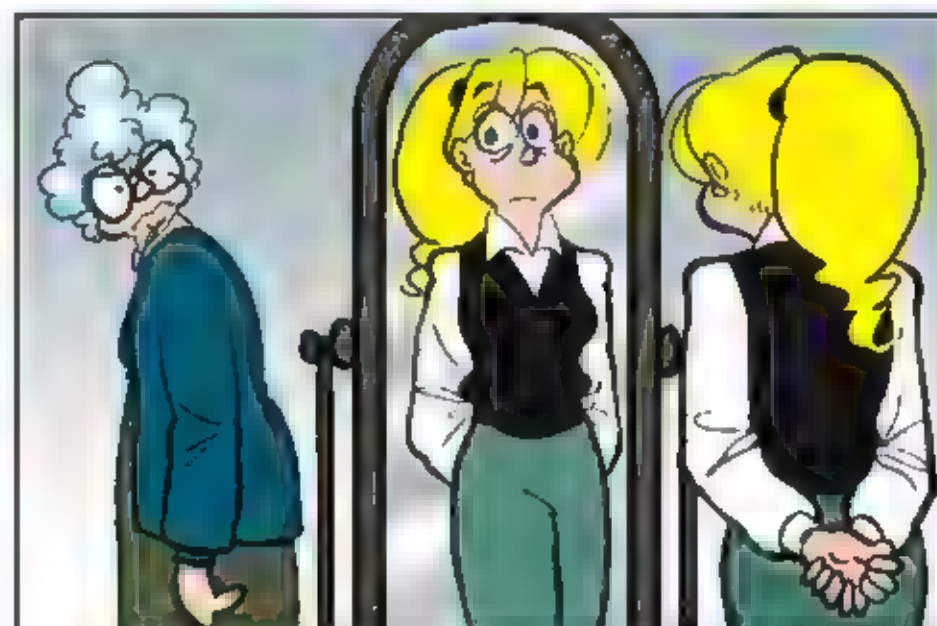
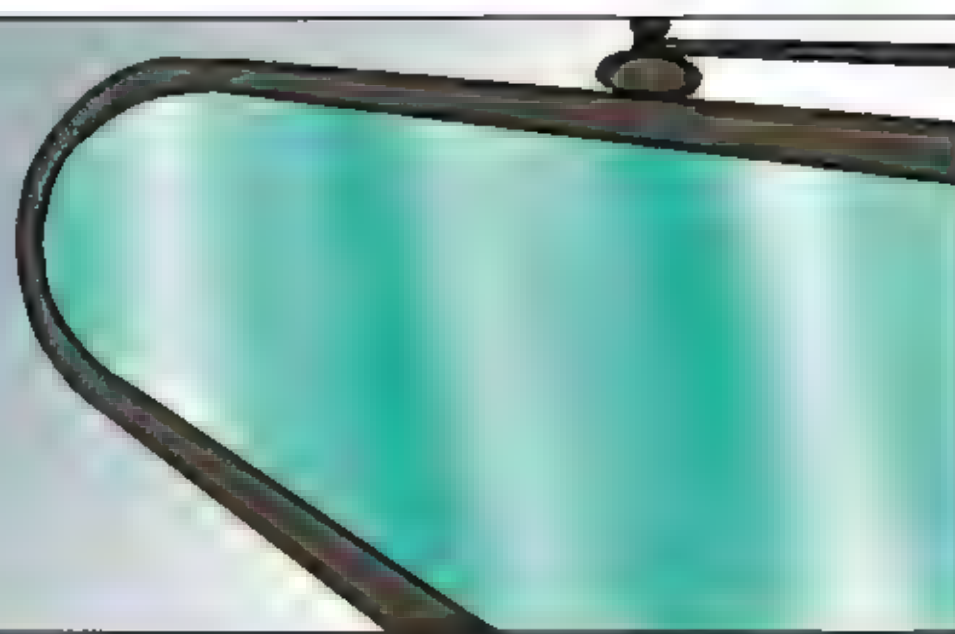
I'VE CALLED IN A
GRAMMAR PRIEST TO
GIVE YOUR SENTENCE
THE LAST RITES.



Brooke







DON'T YOU THINK IT'S
TIME, MR. VAN HOESSEN,
YOU TOOK SOME DIRECTION
IN YOUR LIFE AND CHOSE
A CAREER?



Brooke

I'D RATHER
NOT, SISTER.



I PREFER TO THINK OF MY
FUTURE AS "RIFE WITH
POSSIBILITIES," RATHER
THAN "SENTENCE PASSED."



I WAS GIVEN
DETENTION
FOR
ANSWERING
HER
QUESTION.

WELCOME
TO THE
RANKS OF
PERTINENCE
PRISONERS.





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THERE, I'VE
CLIPPED
AWAY
MY
EAR
HAIR.



THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO
DO BUT SIT DOWN,
SNUGGLE UP AND...



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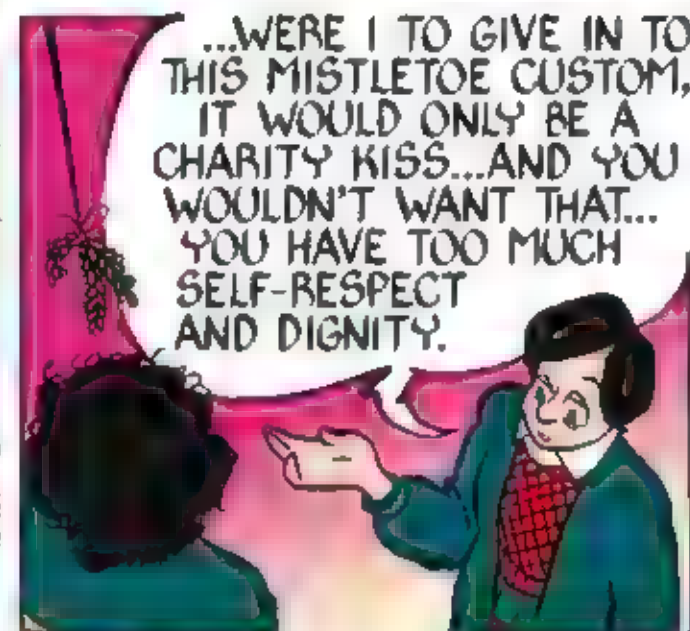
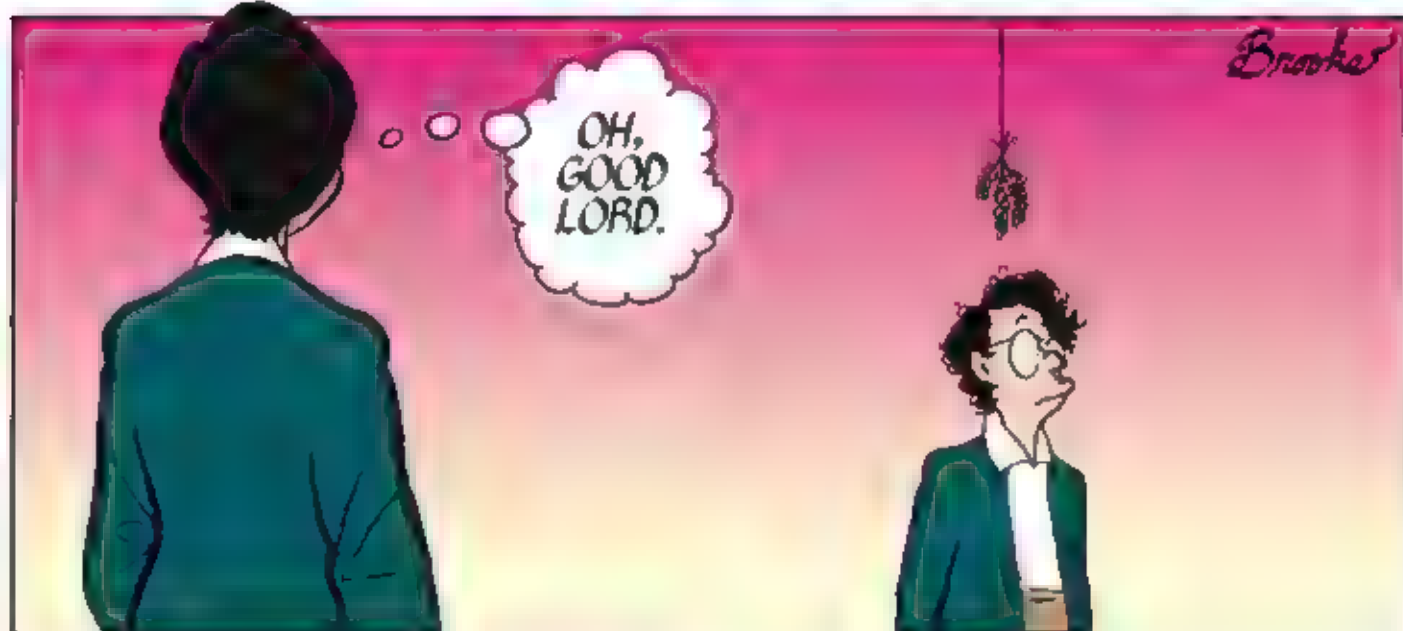
...TRIM A BIT
OF NOSE
HAIR.





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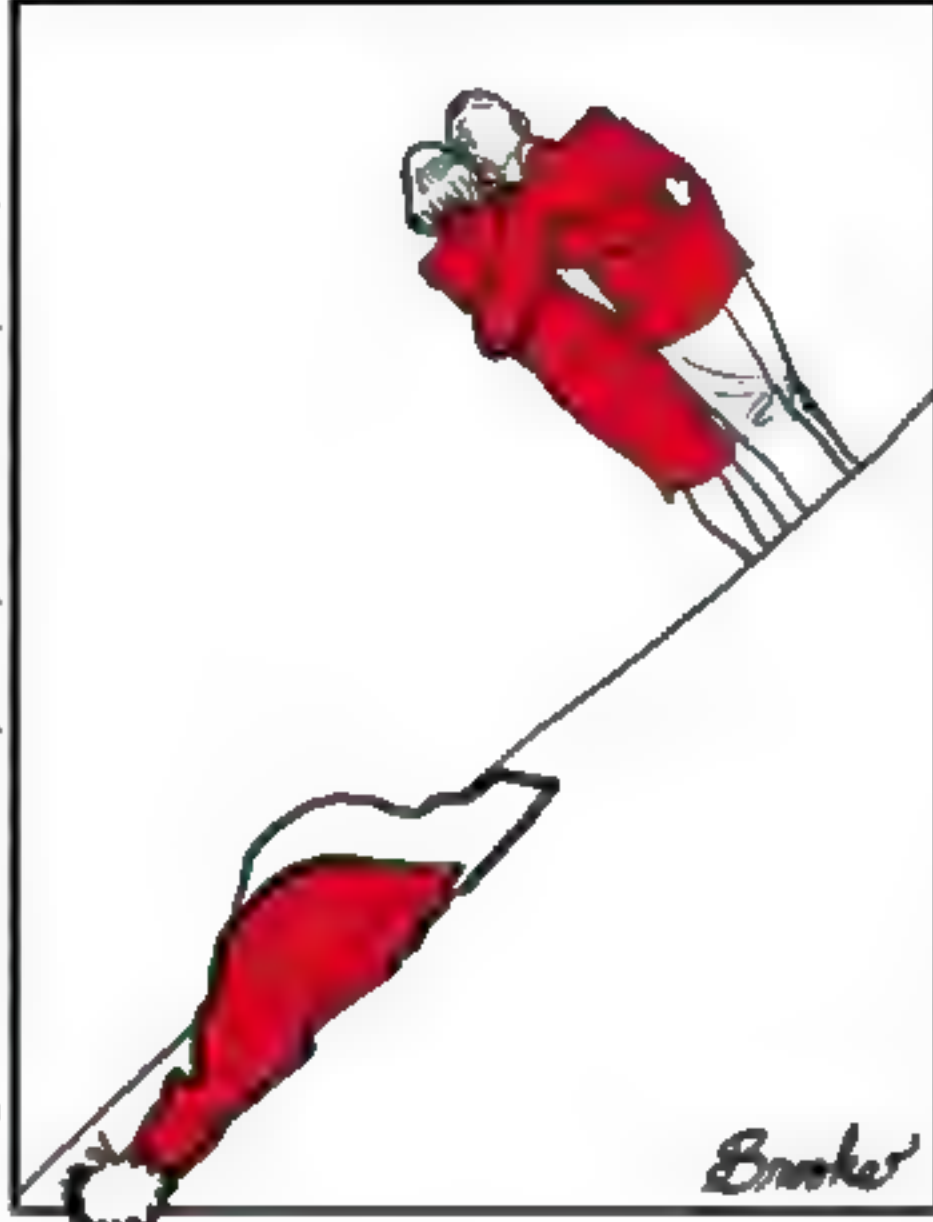




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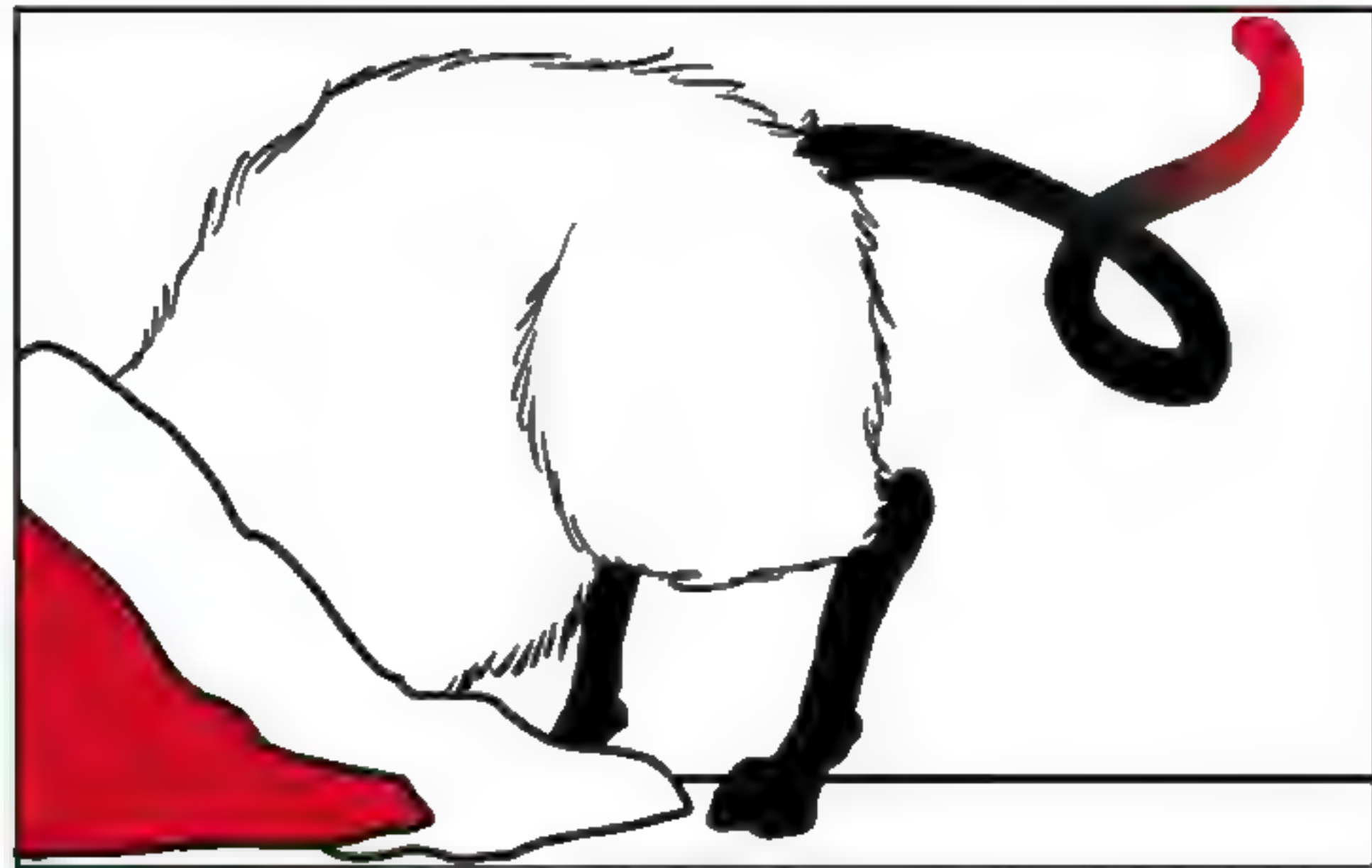
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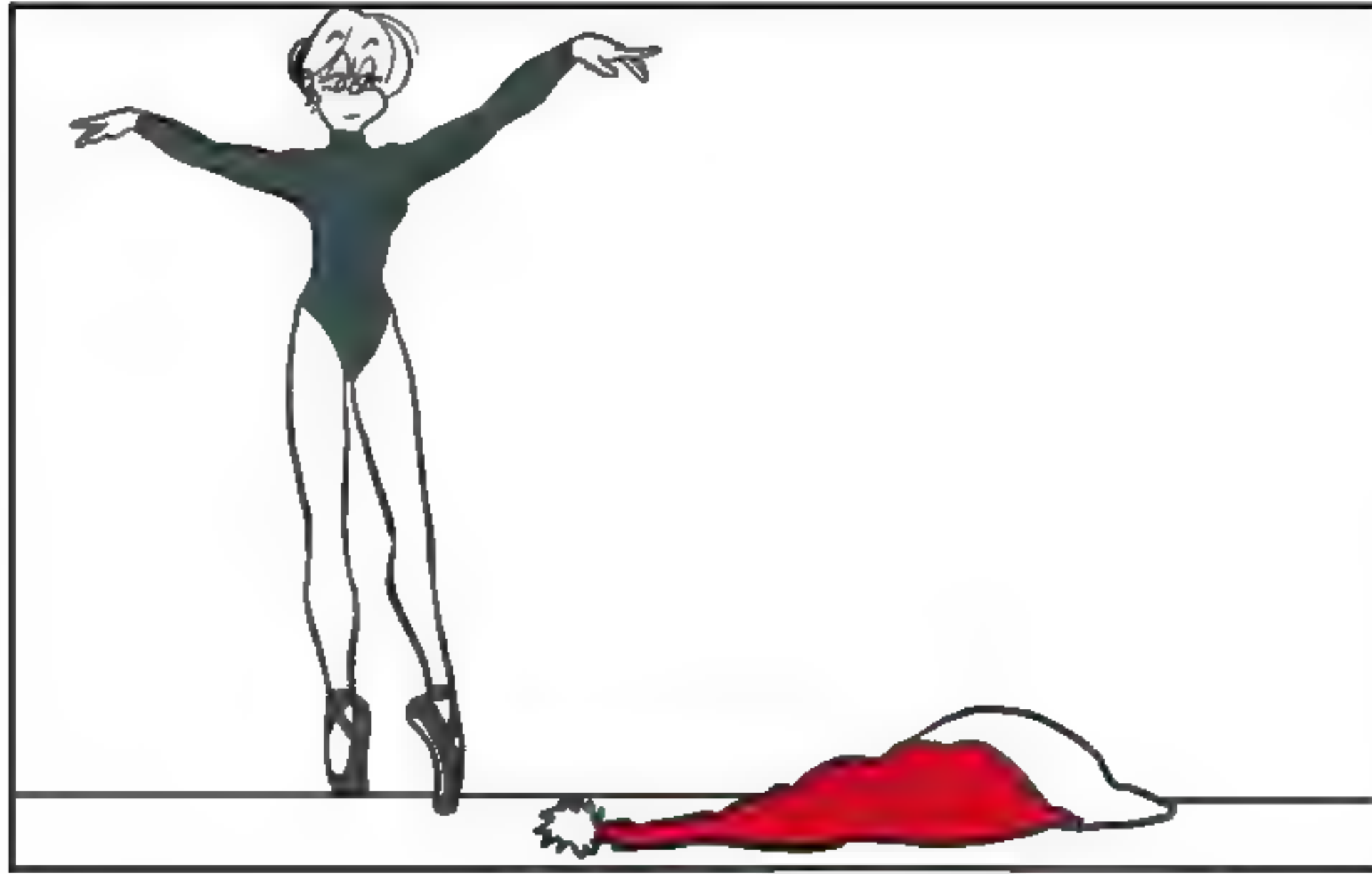


Brooke



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DOWN COMES THE
MISTLETOE UNTIL
NEXT YEAR. IT'S
FASCINATING
HOW MANY OF
THESE CUSTOMS
HEARKEN
BACK TO
ANCIENT
BELIEFS IN
THE FOREST
AND FIELDS,
MAGIC AND
GOBLINS AND
FAIRIES. BASIC-
ALLY, IT'S
DRESSED-UP
PAGANISM.



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HOWEVER, WE SHOULDN'T
UNDERVALUE PAGANISM.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON,
I PRAY YOU FORBEAR
COMMITTING HOSTILE ACTS
ON THOSE AROUND YOU.
LET US LIVE IN PEACE.



ALLOW ME TO CLARIFY...BY
DINT OF MY BLACK BELT, AND
THE COVERT SURVEILLANCE
I MAINTAIN ON YOUR BRUTISH
ACTIVITIES, IF YOU FLOUT
MY REQUEST, I SHALL
REGRETFULLY SHATTER YOU
INTO PARTICLES OF BONE
THAT WILL HAVE TO BE
COLLECTED WITH
TWEEZERS.
...AND THE
ANGELS
WILL
WEEP
FOR
YOU.



ARE MY PRAYERS
ANSWERED?

YES, MA'AM.
VERY
ANSWERED.



THE TROGLOJOCK IS LOOKING
SOMEWHAT
PALE.

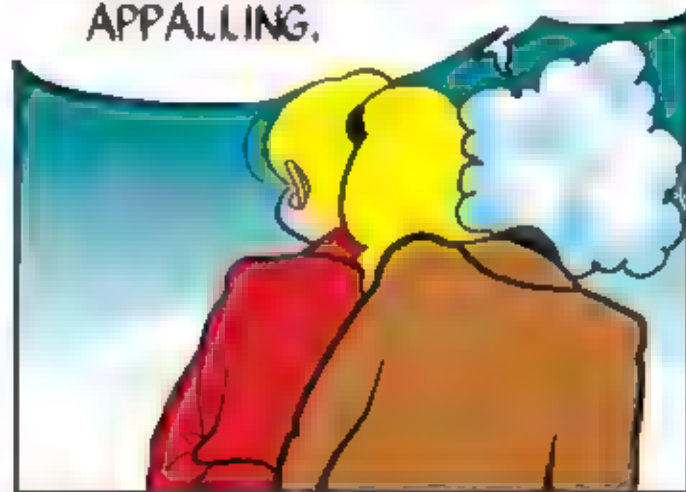
I EXPLAINED
PEACE TO HIM.



THERE GOES THAT BERNSON GIRL. I HEAR SHE HAS THE MORALS OF A HYENA AND IS A DISGRACE TO HER WHOLE FAMILY.

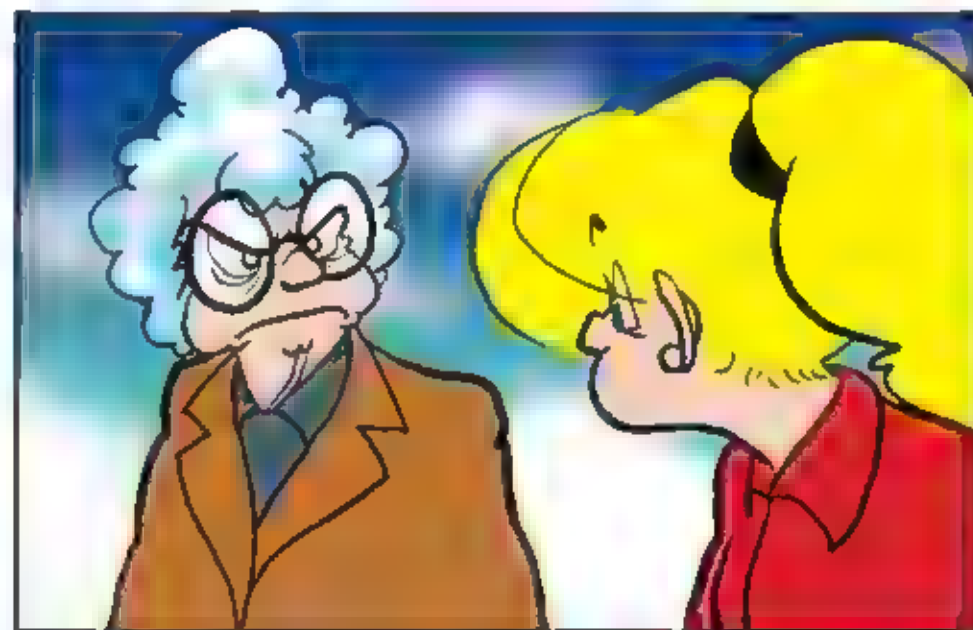
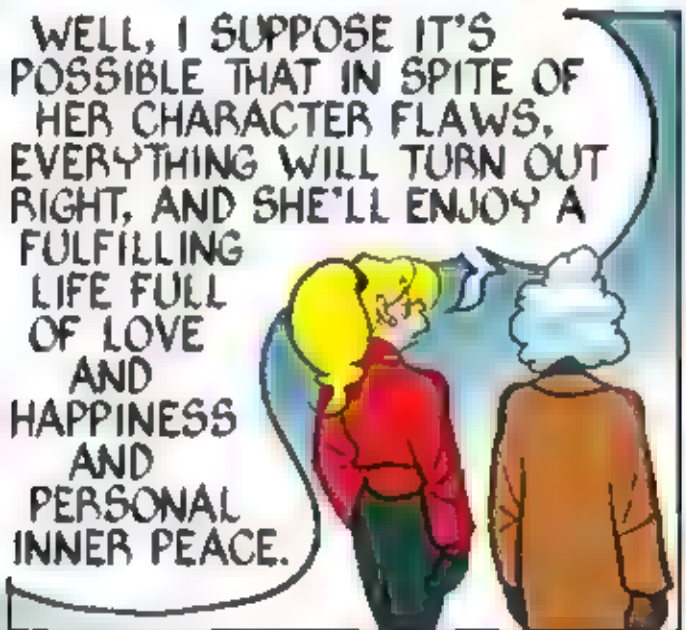


SHE THROWS HERSELF AT BOYS AND KEEPS WITH A BAD CROWD. ...AND HER SCHOOL MARKS ARE APPALLING.



Brooke

WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S POSSIBLE THAT IN SPITE OF HER CHARACTER FLAWS, EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT RIGHT, AND SHE'LL ENJOY A FULFILLING LIFE FULL OF LOVE AND HAPPINESS AND PERSONAL INNER PEACE.



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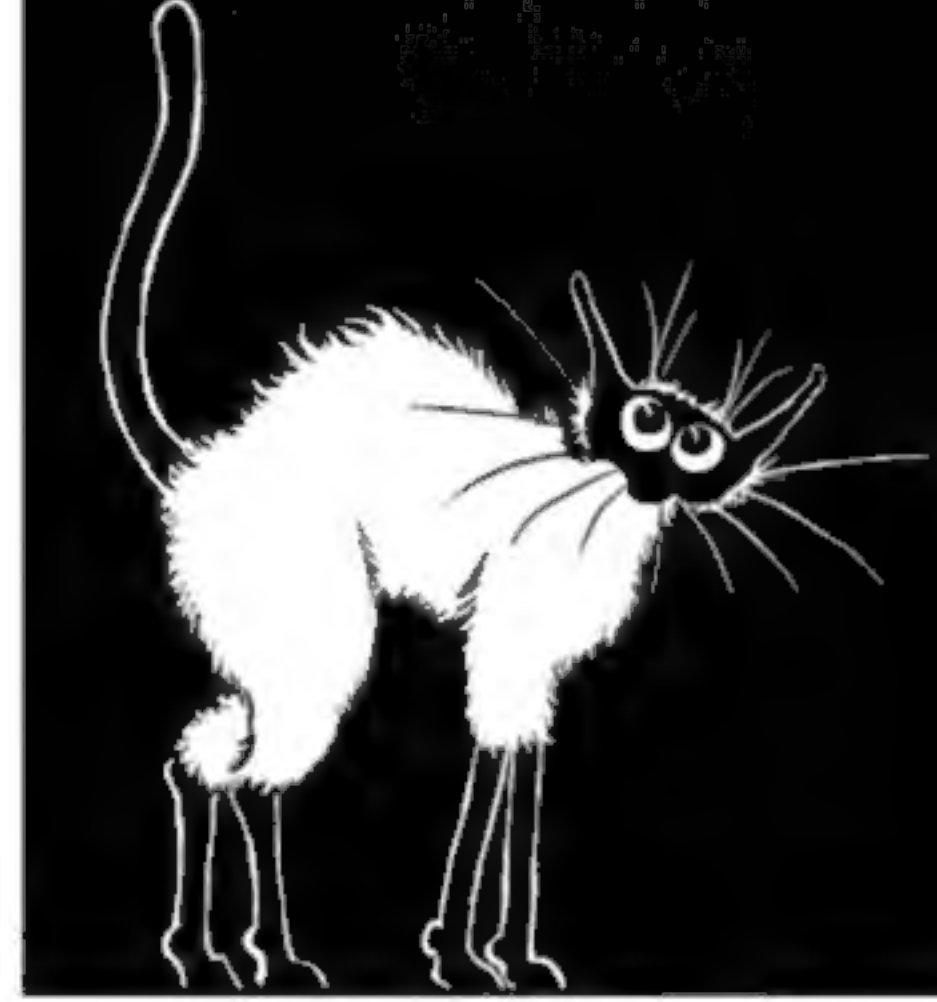
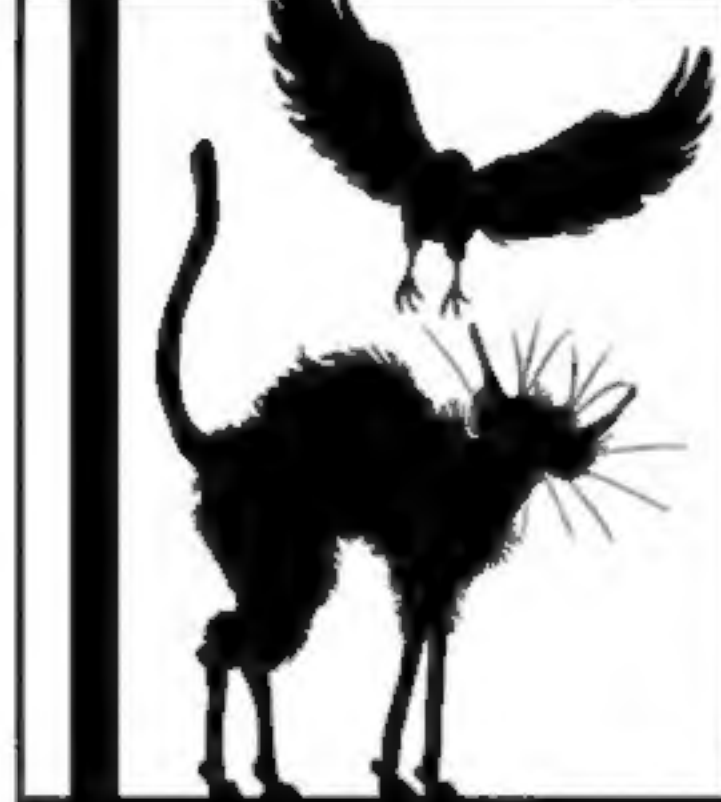




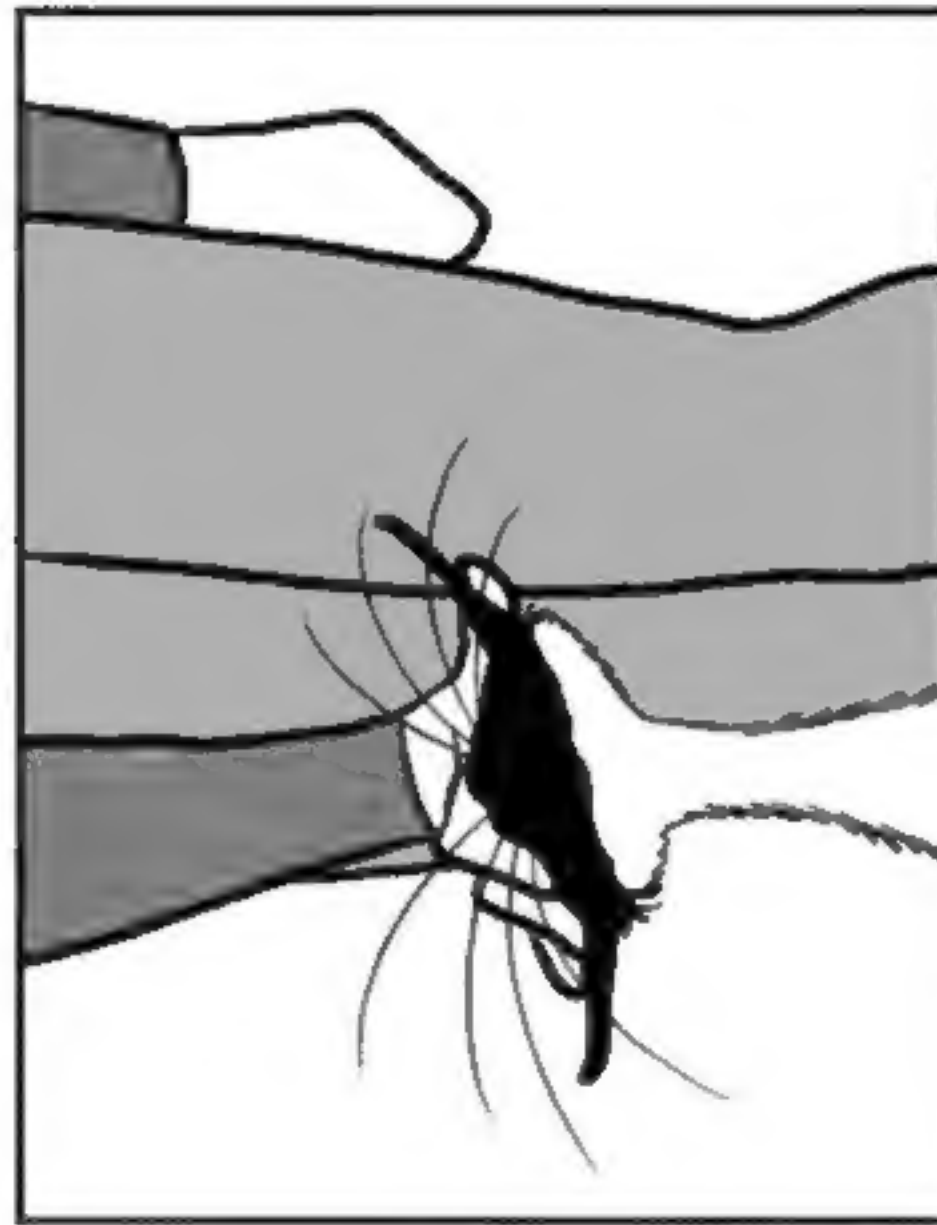
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